



2012 HL Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaking Notes:

The 2012 HL Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon is warm climate wine from an amazing vintage. The fruit is very prevalent; the color deep and intense. The flavors are focused showing spice, tobacco and cigar box and a deep well of aromas such as violets and herbs.

Winemaker Michael Trujillo notes: "Even in the nose it shines, giving black cherry and wild berry aromas. The wine is fresh and fruity, but still shows the typical menthol, briary notes that are found in all wines from this vineyard. As it opens up in the glass, there are flavors of cigar box and vanilla, with ripe red fruits and even black olive. The flavors continue to unfold with great structure. The finish lingers with coffee and caramel, highlighting the finely integrated tannins and great structure. This wine is a real crowd pleaser and will age well."

Vintage Notes:

2012 was a classic Napa Valley vintage, where everything budded out, flowered, matured, and ripened evenly and perfectly on schedule. Warm days with foggy nights and mornings gave this vintage great balance and both quantity and quality were the best seen in several years. Altogether an above normal vintage, but in the light of the previous vintages it was exceptional! Because of the maturity of the vines and the balance of the crop, we did not need to thin as heavily throughout the growing season as we had the previous two years. In the winery, it felt more like the 2007 vintage with great balance and extraction and lots of fresh fruit flavors. The wines were aged for 18 months.

Technical Data:

Alcohol: 14.4%

Barrels: 80% new French oak

Appellation: Napa Valley

Case production: 400

Vineyard: Herb Lamb Vineyard