



## 2012 AFFINITY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**ABOUT THIS WINE** This Bordeaux-inspired wine is a blend of the Left Bank Five (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Malbec) with Cabernet Sauvignon taking the lead. The Cabernet from this hillside property is unusually racy, and mineral laden, even for a boulder strewn, Napa Valley vineyard. The other four Bordeaux varieties add depth, dimension and layers each vintage; Petit Verdot for color, Malbec for weight, Cabernet Franc for structure and Merlot for luxurious mouthfeel. The fruit is hand picked and hand sorted, then kept in separate lots during fermentation and barrel aging.

**VINEYARD** The core of our Affinity Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from our estate vineyard in the foothills of Mount George on the southern end of Napa Valley's Vaca mountain range. The yields almost always fail to reach three tons per acre and the soils are unusually rocky and sparse. The vines are in their third decade of existence, and that makes for great concentration and a sense of origin in the resulting wine. Each vintage, Affinity Cabernet displays a youthful charm due to the harmony brought forth in blending, but the structure offered by the volcanic soils means that this wine will reward patience in the cellar.

**VINTAGE** 2012 marked a nearly ideal growing season. The fruit developed slowly over a very mild summer lacking in heat spikes. Harvest occurred in mid October with fully ripened tannins and terrific color without excessive sugars. Unlike many vineyards in Napa Valley, the 12 crop was of normal size due to our rocky soils and farming practice.

**SEEK OUT** ... if you love wines with power and finesse whether Piedmont, Bordeaux or Napa Valley.

**AVOID** ... if you often find that Australian Shiraz just isn't ripe enough.

Blend: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot,  
6% Petit Verdot, 5% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Franc  
Harvest dates: Oct 3 - Oct 29, 2012  
Average sugar: 25.2° Brix  
TA: 6.3g/L | pH: 3.77

Alcohol: 14.8%  
Barrel Aging: 18 months in Chateau-style French oak;  
65% new & 35% 2nd year. Unfiltered and unfined.  
Bottling Date: May 19, 2014  
Price: CA SRP \$55.00

