



THE TERRACES

2012 Cabernet Franc

Rutherford, 100% Estate Grown

Varietal:	100% Cabernet Franc
Cases:	235
Alcohol:	14.6%
Bottled:	May 9, 2014
Released:	February 1, 2016
Suggested Retail:	\$60.00
Vineyard:	The Terraces estate vineyards are between 300 and 500 feet in elevation in the eastern foothills of the Rutherford AVA. The very well drained soils are comprised of volcanic rock known as Rhyolite. Moderately warm, the vineyard is still marginally influenced by early morning fog.
Vintage:	After several difficult years, 2012 was a delightful vintage. Almost textbook conditions saw near-ideal spring bud break, steady flowering, even fruit set, and a lengthy stretch of warm days and cool and often foggy nights during the long summer months. Late and light rains held off until grapes found optimal ripeness, bringing exceptional quality.
Production:	Hand picked and sorted before being de-stemming, each lot went into small tanks as whole berries. After a brief cold soak, the lots were fermented with a combination of wild and cultivated yeasts. A combination of punch downs, pump overs and rack and returns were performed several times a day to influence extraction in different ways over the course of fermentation. Pressed gently in a basket press, the wines were moved with lees to 40% new French barrels to finish malolactic fermentation.
Tasting Notes:	The single acre bloc of Cabernet Franc at the top of The Terraces ranch has provided an outstanding 2012 vintage which stands alone. Deep ruby in the glass with complex aromas of black cherry, red currant, soft leather and toasted wood. The palate has a rich mouth-feel with flavors of baked blackberry, dusty earth, elegant mushroom with supple tannins and a long finish. Enjoy now or hold on to this on for 12 - 15 years as it continues to evolve.
The Terraces:	130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspires us to create epic wines of astonishing value. Less than 3500 cases produced each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.