



THE TERRACES

2012 Cabernet Franc

Rutherford, 100% Estate

- Varietal: 94.4% Cabernet Franc
5.6% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Cases: 185
- Alcohol: 14.5%
- Bottled: May 3, 2014
- Released: February 15, 2016
- Suggested Retail: \$54.00
- 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 one acre bloc of Cabernet Franc at The Terraces has produced a 2012 vintage with lovely purple ruby color that leads to intense ripe aromas of black cherry, dark spice and cassis with hints of Cabernet Franc's characteristic herbaceousness. Palate has a rich mouth-feel with flavors of baked cherry, cinnamon, earth, and leather. Delicious now it will improve for several with years.
- The Terraces: 130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspire 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.