



2012 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon Mt Veeder, Saffron Vineyard

"NAPA" IS A NATIVE AMERICAN WORD FOR PLENTY, AND THERE COULD NOT BE A MORE APPROPRIATE WORD WHEN IT COMES TO THE COMPLEXITY AND FLAVOR OF CONN CREEK WINES. WE ACHIEVE THIS BY SOURCING FROM PRIZED VINEYARDS IN NEARLY ALL OF NAPA VALLEY'S RENOWNED SUB-APPELLATIONS. WHILE EACH AVA CONTRIBUTES DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS TO THE MASTER BLENDS, THEY ALSO REVEAL A CERTAIN BEAUTY ON THEIR OWN. EACH YEAR, WE SHOWCASE THE MOST DISTINCTIVE APPELLATION WINES AS PART OF OUR LIMITED-PRODUCTION AVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON SERIES.

[TASTING NOTES]

"Wild berries and savory herbs emerge from the mountain forest. Exotic spices mingle with new rain in the dark fruit flavors that enrobe the ripe tannins." – Mike McGrath, Winemaker

[VINEYARDS & VINTAGE]

- The 2012 growing season was short on weather surprises. Moderate temperatures encouraged steady, even ripening. Tannin development benefitted from the moderate weather and ripened in concert with flavors. Fruit was harvested by hand on October 11.
- Lisa Chu's Saffron Vineyard sits high on Mt. Veeder in a pocket of volcanic soil. This steep block is terraced and farmed by hand and small implements. The small vines struggle in the weak soils and it is only through careful tending that a limited crop of 1.5-2 tons per acre is achieved.

[WINEMAKING]

- Hand harvested fruit was gently destemmed to retain 80% whole berries and optically sorted.
- A combination of gentle pump-overs and careful racking at critical intervals balanced extraction of ripe tannins and preservation of fresh fruit flavors. Pressed at dryness with malolactic fermentation completed in barrels.
- 21 months of barrel aging took place in 55% new French oak.



MT. VEEDER
Saffron Vineyard
NAPA VALLEY
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
2012

BLEND:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

BARREL AGING:

21 months, French oak 55% new

ALCOHOL:

14.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY:

5.9 G/L

PH:

3.66

CASE PRODUCTION:

200

Michael McGrath
MIKE MCGRATH, WINEMAKER