

Facts and Figures

2012 Bressler Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker: Mia Klein

Vineyard Manager: David Abreu Release Date: January, 2016

Release price: \$95

Bottling Date: Feb19, 2015

Vines: Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 5197 and 8 on 3309 root stock

Cabernet Yields: 5.97 tons

Aging: 28 months in 80% new French Oak

Blend: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon. 10% Cab Franc, 7% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot

Cooperage: Barrels from: Taransaud, Nadalie and Treuil

Production

750ml 313 cases (post Napa Earthquake)

Magnums 15 cases (90 bottles)

3.0L 8 bottles 6.0L 2 bottles

Notes from Mia Klein:

Certainly in terms of weather, 2012 was close to a vintner's dream in Napa Valley. Spring started warm and dry, giving the vines a nice start and leading to near ideal conditions during bloom. Summertime was warm and sunny, especially when compared to the cool summers of 2010 and 2011. September and October weather put the finishing touch on the season with just enough heat to propel the grapes to excellent ripeness. Skins were thick on the Cabernet giving some exceptionally beautiful tannins to the wines.

Color is deep purple. Aromas show blackberry, raspberry eau de vie, dried cherry, chocolate ganache, graphite, brown sugar, vanilla bean, cedar, a light Ceylon cinnamon and sandalwood. In the mouth the wine is quite structural, but weighty and mouth-coating like a good milkshake; flavors are concentrated from initial impact to finish. Very tasty to drink presently; some aging or a little decanting will reveal layer upon layer. Lots of promising development ahead.