

ST. FRANCIS WINERY & VINEYARDS

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON SONOMA COUNTY

STORAGE French Oak

AGING 18 months in barrel

BOTTLING June 2014

ALCOHOL 14.5% by volume

AGING POTENTIAL 6 to 8 years

BLEND PERCENTAGE 79% Cabernet Sauvignon,
7% Merlot, with the balance Cabernet
Franc, Petit Verdot, Malbec and Syrah

VINTAGE

With ideal weather and an abundance of exceptional fruit, it's no secret the 2012 harvest was outstanding. Warm, moderate temperatures throughout the growing season allowed our fruit to reach the perfect state of ripeness without sacrificing balance and intensity. With no heat spikes, cold weather or rain, the fruit ripened evenly and developed great color and concentrations, producing wines with rich flavors and excellent structure.

VINEYARDS

Fruit for our Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon comes from our estate vineyards in the Sonoma and Russian River Valleys, as well as from growers in Sonoma County's other top appellations, including Dry Creek Valley and Alexander Valley. Each carefully selected vineyard contributes distinctive and individual qualities to the finished wine.

WINEMAKING

All grapes are gently de-stemmed before cold-soaking for three days to extract optimal color and aromas. The fruit is then inoculated with several different yeast strains to build complexity, then fermented in separate lots using a combination of pump overs and delestage to soften tannins. Secondary malolactic fermentation occurs in 100% French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

This wine was awarded a Gold Medal and 90 Points at the 2015 San Diego International Wine Competition. An elegant Cabernet, it shows off firm structure, generous tannins and depth of color along with aromas and flavors of cassis, black cherry, dusty cocoa and cigar box.

