



2012 DRAGONFLY VINEYARD®

Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The diminutive, four-acre Dragonfly Vineyard is located in St. Helena at the base of Spring Mountain. Old timers know this magical place as a “banana belt” microclimate, as its ideal summer temperatures allow the vines to develop their notable ripe and jammy fruit. The vines benefit from the site’s deep, gravelly loam soils and gentle southern exposure, and the vineyard is one of the first to be harvested each year.

HARVEST NOTES

An ideal harvest with warm days and cool, foggy nights offered the perfect conditions for fruit and tannin maturity. There were no heat spikes this year, so flavor development was at its peak. We pulled leaves around the fruit early to acclimate the clusters to the warm summer sun. Bloom and veraison occurred one week ahead of last year, which is normal for this vineyard. We adjusted the crop to achieve proper balance and then waited patiently for the fruit to ripen and the tannins to mature. This vineyard was not harvested on two separate days, about a week apart, which allowed the fruit from each rootstock to obtain juicy flavors.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2012 Dragonfly Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon has floral and berry aromas that jump from the glass, and violet and rose petal blend with juicy strawberry and wild raspberry flavors. This wine is elegant and silky with jammy berry fruits wound tightly in a plush texture. The French oak adds warmth and highlights the fruit nicely, while the soft tannins offer superb texture from first sip through an incredibly supple finish.

APPELLATION

St. Helena, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(51% new, 49% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

September 2015

HARVEST DATES

October 8 - 15, 2012

SKIN CONTACT

14 - 20 days

TIME

17 months

FIRST VINTAGE

1997

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