



2012 SORI BRICCO VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

High in the hills of Diamond Mountain, Sori Bricco Vineyard spans a wide range of hillsides with different sun exposures resulting in separate harvest dates across the ranch. The soil is composed of a sandy, gravelly loam and the vines tend to be very small as they struggle against the slopes. The climate is warm in the early spring and these vines are among the first to bud each year. The summer months produce nice, juicy flavors, while the cooler nights offer long hang time to gain tannin maturity each season. Nickel & Nickel produces wine from about six acres of this 25-acre vineyard.

HARVEST NOTES

An ideal 2012 growing season 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. These vines are open and the clusters are loose, so minimal attention is required to promote ripening. Bloom and veraison occurred 10 days ahead of last year, but we left the fruit on the vines longer to promote tannin maturity. We picked this vineyard over a three-week window, harvesting the southeast-facing vines in early October and waiting until the end of the month to bring in fruit from the northwest-facing vines.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2012 Sori Bricco Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon offers an exotic expression of aromas and flavors. This powerful wine opens with a perfume of white flowers and wet stone. On the palate, rose petals, currants and cedar are enhanced by a minerality unique to this site. These flavors expand from the midpalate through the finish, as the firm and coating tannins add depth and integrity to this hillside wine. This is a wine that will continue to improve with a few years of bottle aging.

APPELLATION

Diamond Mountain District,
Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(44% new, 56% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

September 2015

HARVEST DATES

October 10 - 29, 2012

SKIN CONTACT

11 - 14 days

TIME

17 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2011