



PLUMPJACK

WINERY



2012 PLUMPJACK RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, OAKVILLE

VINTAGE

The 2012 vintage was a classic vintage. We saw beautiful conditions from start to finish. The spring was mild, which allowed for a normal budbreak. The weather held through spring, resulting in ideal conditions for bloom and set. The summer months were consistently warm with cool nights, and our grapes were slowly gaining sugars while the flavors were developing and the tannins were maturing. This trend carried over into the fall, allowing us to let our fruit hang on the vine to develop deep and intense flavors and aromatics with a beautiful, refined tannin.

FERMENTATION & AGING

The Reserve grapes were cold soaked for 2 days and were fermented to a maximum temperature of 94 degrees for a short maceration period. These grapes were very giving and the wines reached optimal extraction, concentration, and mouthfeel after only 8 days of maceration. Only free run was used to craft the Reserve, and the Petit Verdot was co-fermented with the Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine is being aged in 100% new French Oak barrels. The coopers that are used in this wine are Darnajou, Sylvain, and Taransaud. These barrels are a blend of M+ and heavy toast barrels from a variety of forests.

WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS

Our Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from our prized I & J blocks in 2012. This fruit was the first to ripen in a long, mild growing season in which we saw long hang times and beautifully ripened fruit. The fruit on the vine was dark and concentrated, and this certainly translated to the wine. The aromatics are lifted and dense, showcasing muddled raspberries, blackcurrant, and black cherry with a touch of granite, mocha, vanilla, and white flowers. The mouthfeel is rich and ample with great weight and concentration. Raspberry cordial, blackcurrant, and black cherry shine through with layers of mocha and vanilla. This wine has hefty, yet beautifully refined tannin, and a precision lent by great acidity and balance.

VARIETALS/BLEND 91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot

PRODUCTION 690 Cases

ALCOHOL 15.4%

HARVEST DATES October 16-20, 2012