

2012 CALDWELL SILVER

ESTATE GROWN

Vintage:	Thirteenth
Composition:	77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, 11% Malbec
Clone:	Various
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981
Block:	9, 10 & 17
Yield:	2.5 tons per acre
Average Vine Age:	22 years
Grape varieties:	CS, CF, MA
Rootstock:	Various
Vintage Summary:	<p>The 2012 growing season started with an early bud break. Ideal conditions during bloom allowed for an almost perfect set. The temperate conditions continued through veraison in July and August, averaging 2 weeks earlier than 2011, giving very uniform clusters.</p> <p>The harvest season started off with ideal moderate temperature through September. The first half of October was warm and the harvest concluded at the end of October and early November with three rain storms.</p> <p>The wonderful set gave a bountiful yield during harvest. 50-100% tonnage increase over historical averages were seen. The berry sizes were smaller resulting in higher phenolic content while the cluster sizes were larger. The unique combination resulted in higher than normal yields while maintaining very good quality.</p>
Harvest Date:	Various
Fermentation:	100% Barrel
Yeast:	Natural
ML:	Natural
Wood Origin:	100% French (Vosges, Tronçais, Jupilles, Bertranges)
Ageing:	21 months in barrel
New Oak Barrels:	100%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	Filtered
Alcohol:	14.6%
Bottled on:	July 22, 2014
Winemaker's Tasting Notes:	<p>A perfumed bouquet of blackberry, acai berry, bay berry, garrigue, pencil shavings, violet, and black pepper. A black cherry attack leads to a full bodied mouth of black-currant, blueberry, cranberry, tea leaf and black olive. Finely structured tannins give way to long boysenberry, vanilla finish.</p>
Cellaring:	1 – 8 years
Production:	191 cases
Price:	\$135 / 750 ml