

VARIETAL COLLECTION

Tannat

2012

Vintage:	Fourth
Composition:	100% Tannat
Clone:	474
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981
Block:	17
Yield:	3.0 tons per acre
Average Vine Age:	9 years
Grape varieties:	TA
Rootstock:	3309

Vintage Summary:

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.

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.

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.

Harvest Date:	October 20, 2012
Fermentation:	100%
Yeast:	Natural
ML:	Natural
Wood Origin:	100% French (Tronçais)
Ageing:	21 months
New Oak Barrels:	100%
Fining/Filtering:	None/ Filtered
Alcohol:	15.1%
Bottled on:	July 29, 2014

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

This is an intense nose of ripe blackberry, vanilla, leather and oregano. A big full flavored mouth of black plum, black cherry, black olives and white pepper give way to big chocolatey tannins that finish juicy and clean with prune d'agen.

Cellaring:	1 – 5 years
Production:	~75 cases
Price:	\$95 / 750ml

