



TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON RESERVE



Vintage: After a string of unpredictable harvests, 2012 turned out to be a near perfect vintage. Ideal springtime conditions resulted in excellent berry set and a large crop. Moderate temperatures throughout the growing season slowly brought the fruit to full maturity. The wines of 2012 are elegant, with rich aromas and flavors. They possess bright acidity, beautiful structure, and the intensity needed to gracefully age.

Vineyard: The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 400 acres of hills and valleys which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, limestone, volcanic ash and rock. The combination of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures, provides ideal conditions for wine-growing. Cabernet Sauvignon is planted in several different sites - on steep, southwestern facing hillsides. The vines range from 16 - 38 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. **Cabernet Sauvignon is the only wine produced by Truchard Vineyards with a "reserve" designation. It is a very limited bottling that is a tribute to the quality of this unique vineyard.**

Harvest: Oct. 26 – Nov. 7 • 24.5 °Brix • 3.49 pH • 6.7 g/L TA

Winemaking: All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Each fermentation was pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. The lots were pressed after 28 days of maceration. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak (75% new). Racking occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2014. This wine is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. It is drinkable upon release, but will reward careful cellaring for the next 15 – 20 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.2% alcohol • 3.59 pH • 5.9 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: A rich nose of ripe plum, red berries, and cassis; with a touch of cedar, cocoa, and sweet vanilla. The mouth is intense - layered with flavors of black cherry, plum jam, and raspberry. Velvety tannins lift the palate and provide an elegant finish of berry and spice.

Release Date: September 1, 2015

Cases Produced: 112 cases

