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*Pièce de Résistance*  
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PAHLMAYER  
“PIECE DE RESISTANCE”  
NAPA VALLEY  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
2012.

Aptly named to describe one’s highest achievement, an object that can stand the test of time, this wine represents our finest four barrels of Cabernet Sauvignon from the 2012 vintage. The only 100% Cabernet Sauvignon produced by Pahlmeyer, our “Pièce de Résistance” is an experience of this varietal in its purest form.

COMPOSITION		100% Cabernet Sauvignon
HARVESTED		October 8 - 20, 2012
VINEYARDS		Stagecoach, Rancho Chimiles
MACERATION		5 days cold soak
FERMENTATION		100% native yeast
BARREL REGIMEN		26 months 85% new French oak
FINISHING		Bottled unfined & unfiltered
ALCOHOL		15.2% by vol.
BOTTLED		April 14, 2015
PRODUCTION		4 barrels
RELEASE		October 2016

After a cool, morning harvest, the grapes were hand-sorted into open-top fermenters where they macerated as whole berries for five days. After two-to-three weeks of fermentation with native yeast, the wine was gently pressed and transferred to French oak barrels (85% new) where it finished primary and secondary fermentation, then aged for another 18 months. This dark, opaque Cabernet opens with aromas of iron and shale at play with ripe cherry, fresh cassis and a hint of rose oil. Smooth tannins support the deep, tarry palate of red cherry and black licorice, and the finish lingers with notes of cigar, cedar and spice. Will benefit from aging up to 20 years.