



2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

HARVESTED		October 9-21, 2012
VINEYARDS		Pahlmeyer Waters Ranch, Stagecoach, Rancho Chimiles
BOTTLED		May 9, 2014
COMPOSITION		100% Cabernet Sauvignon
ALCOHOL		15.2%
WINEMAKER		Kale Anderson

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2012 growing season began relatively dry, continuing with a warm spring and perfect weather for fruit set. The vines produced a record amount of high-quality small-berry clusters, enabling us to nurture the crop with great precision. In all, we kept just half the initial yield to ensure optimal ripeness. The berries developed exceptionally rich flavor, color and density.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The grape clusters were hand-sorted and de-stemmed, and individual berries selected by our winemaking team. After seven to fifteen days of a gentle cold soak in small open-top fermentors, the fruit began 100% native yeast fermentation. After two to three weeks, the fruit was gently pressed and the juice was moved to barrel where it finished primary and malolactic fermentation, also native. The wine continued to age in 65% new French oak Bordeaux barrels for eighteen months. The wine was bottled unfiltered and minimally filtered.

TASTING NOTES

With its deep black core and garnet rim, this gorgeous Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon entices with aromas of black cherry, orange zest and a touch of dust. On the palate, layers of cherry, zest and dark cocoa powder coat the mouth while a hint of fresh pine provides an appealing zing. Rich and full-bodied, this wine's tannins provide a reassuring grip underneath their supple, velvety mouthfeel – an indication of age-worthiness and promise of evolving complexity with years of additional cellaring.

ABOUT JAYSON WINES

Jayson wines exemplify Jayson Pahlmeyer's unquenchable desire for excellence and cutting-edge winemaking. Produced with the same impeccable standards and winemaking pedigree for which Pahlmeyer is known, Jayson wines are at once luxurious and instantly approachable. The new label showcases the wines' pedigree and distinction.

REVIEWS

"Rich, with tiers of explosive dark berry, plum, blueberry and melted black licorice flavors. This is tight and focused, maintaining a laser beam of flavor that pushes past the gripping tannins. Best from 2015 through 2025." **92 points**, James Laube, Wine Spectator.

