

2012

ST HELENA RENNIE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Winemaker Notes

Our Rennie Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon stems from thirty years of farming and experimentation with a small, three-acre block on the Flora Springs Estate in the far southwest corner of the St. Helena appellation. With a precision watering and stress regimen in place, perfectly matched clone to soil selection, and proper row orientation, this block is arguably the best of our 650 acres of vineyard. We simply call it Block C. For a long time Block C was an integral component of Trilogy, but in 1997 we selected fruit from this block for Flora Springs' 20th Anniversary wine. Ever since we have used a percentage of Block C to create our Rennie Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon. A spectacular 2012 vintage rewarded us with a Rennie Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon that exudes rich, dark red fruit aromas and flavors of strawberry tart, maraschino cherry and eucalyptus. This is a lush, full-bodied wine with a velvety mouth feel that coats the palate and ends with notes of melted chocolate, tobacco and raspberry.

All the Facts

Appellation:	Saint Helena
Varietal:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Case Production:	499
Aging:	23 months in 80% new/20% 1 year old oak (mix of French and American)
Suggested Retail Price:	\$125
Enjoyability:	Drink now or cellar. Pull the cork until 2028 for optimum enjoyment.

On the Vine

The Flora Springs Estate is unique in the Napa Valley winemaking landscape, as the boundary between the St. Helena and Rutherford appellations runs right through the middle of our property–along a creek on the valley floor which winds up through the hillside of the renowned Rutherford bench. The St. Helena Rennie Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is named for the founders of our historic 1885 winery.

The 2012 vintage was one for the record books in Napa Valley, with a near perfect growing season that featured warm days, cool evenings and no heat spikes or rain events to speak of. With an ideal weather pattern that resulted in normal bud break, flowering and fruit set along with slow, even ripening, the fruit from the 2012 harvest was simply exceptional, with deep color, good acidity and highly concentrated flavor.



