



2012

## WILD BOAR CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**Winemaker Notes**

The fruit for our Wild Boar Cabernet is from a single hillside block in our Cypress Ranch Vineyard in Pope Valley. This dramatic site reaches 1200 feet of elevation at its highest point, enjoying consistent afternoon breezes that funnel down from the Palisades mountain range and moderate the typically warm temperatures. In keeping with the untamed character of this sparsely populated growing region and the marauding boars that seem to enjoy our grapes as much as we do, we've named this robust, highly-concentrated wine Wild Boar. The 2012 Wild Boar is a masculine Cabernet Sauvignon exhibiting the excellent ripeness that characterizes the vintage. With concentrated notes of cassis, fresh-baked cherry pie, milk chocolate and pain grillé, the wine shows a muscular tannic structure and offers nuances of forest floor, black pepper and star anise. This is an extraordinarily dense and fruit-filled wine with a generous mouth feel and a lingering note of vanilla bean on the finish.

**All the Facts**

Appellation:	Pope Valley, Napa Valley
Varietal:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Case Production:	484
Aging:	22 months, 63% new oak, 37% 1 year old oak (75% American; 25% French)
Suggested Retail Price:	\$100
Enjoyability:	Drink now or cellar. Pull the cork until 2028 for optimum enjoyment.

**On the Vine**

In many respects Pope Valley is considered the last frontier of Napa Valley. In the early evenings oak trees cast long shadows over fallow fields recalling the days of wild, untrammelled pastures that once covered Napa proper. The hustle of Highway 29 gives way to a single, two-lane road that rolls lazily across the valley floor. Marked by a single massive Cypress tree, our Cypress Ranch in Pope Valley produces some of our finest Cabernet Sauvignon.

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.



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