

2012 CUNAT RESERVE

appellation Napa Valley

varietal 96% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Malbec,
1% Petit Verdot

alcohol 14.5%

bottling date September 2014

case production 190 cases

oak aging 22 months in 100% new French Oak

winemaker's notes

As with its predecessors, we hand-selected only the very best fruit and crafted a deep, dense and brooding reserve Merlot. Bold and luscious aromas of dark raspberry, black cherry and plum are complemented by the oak that imparts spice, cedar, leather, caramel and a hint of vanilla that only becomes richer as the wine opens up.

The palate provides expansive flavors of plum, bright cherry fruit and earthy tones that finishes gracefully. Well-integrated supple tannins with nice acidity yields nice weight and affirms the wine will beautifully age for another 10-15 years.

Decanting is highly suggested if opened now and can be enjoyed with a variety of dishes including slow cooked short ribs, root vegetables, squab, aged sheep's milk cheese, Pecorino and mushroom-based dishes.

