



## 2012 HL Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon

### Winemaking Notes

The 2012 HL Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon is warm climate wine from an amazing vintage, very balanced and with great structure. The fruit is very prevalent; the color deep and intense. The flavors are focused showing spice, tobacco and cigar box and a deep well of aromas. This wine is very expressive of the vineyard in a warm vintage with the typical herbal backbone of the vineyard site, like walking through a field of violets and herbs.

Winemaker Michael Trujillo notes: "Even in the nose it shines, giving black cherry and wild berry aromas. The wine is fresh and fruity, but still shows the typical menthol, briary notes that are found in all wines from this vineyard. As it opens up in the glass, there are flavors of cigar box and vanilla, with ripe red fruits and even black olive. The flavors fill your mouth and continue to unfold — the structure is very uplifting and although soft in its youth, the back of the palate will fill in as it ages. The finish keeps lingering with coffee and caramel and doesn't fade out, highlighting the finely integrated tannins and great structure. This wine is a real crowd pleaser and will age well. Drink in 8-10 years, although it may be able to last much longer."

### Vintage Notes

2012 was a classic Napa Valley vintage, where everything budded out, flowered, matured, and ripened evenly and perfectly on schedule. Warm days with foggy nights and mornings gave this vintage great balance and both quantity and quality were the best seen in several years. Altogether an above normal vintage, but in the light of the previous vintages it was exceptional!

Because of the maturity of the vines and the balance of the crop, we did not need to thin as heavily throughout the growing season as we had the previous two years. In the winery, it felt more like the 2007 vintage with great balance and extraction and lots of fresh fruit flavors. The wines were aged in 80% new French oak for 18 months, bottled in June of 2014 and released in April of 2015.

Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.4%

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrels: 80% new French oak

Vineyards: Herb Lamb Vineyard

Case production: 400

Suggested Retail Price: \$150