

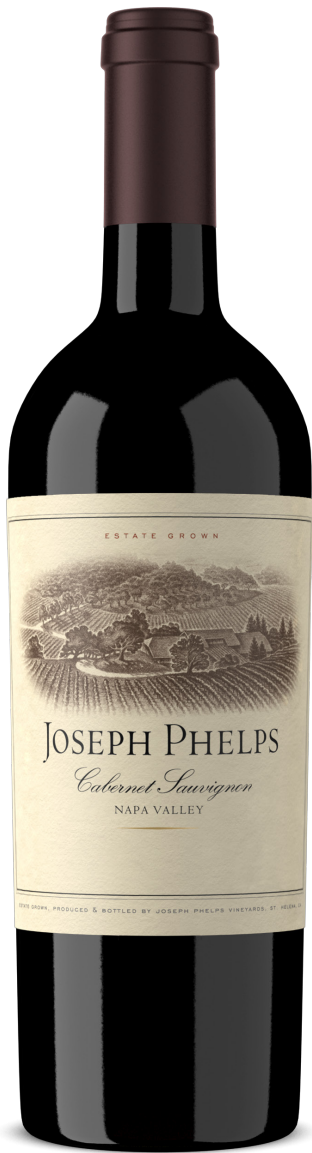
JOSEPH PHELPS

V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

2012 Vintage



TASTING NOTES The 2012 vintage marks the fortieth Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon release from Joseph Phelps Vineyards. This latest bottling highlights beautiful aromatics of dark fruit, cigar box, dried herbs, graphite notes and *pain grillé*. Expressive Bing cherry, licorice, blueberry and blackberry layer this silky smooth wine of great depth and personality. Richly nuanced with supple tannins and a lingering velvety finish.

GROWING SEASON The 2012 growing season proved to be excellent from start to finish in Napa Valley. It was a warmer year than the prior three, lining up more closely with the 2008 growing season's temperatures. Bud break occurred during the first two weeks of April and both bloom and veraison took place earlier than 2010 and 2011. August, September and October offered perfect ripening weather for superior fruit with exceptional quality.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

91% Cabernet Sauvignon
6% Merlot
1% Cabernet Franc
1% Malbec
1% Petit Verdot

29% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA
27% Suscol — Napa Valley AVA
16% Barboza & Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA
15% Yountville — Oak Knoll AVA
13% Banca Dorada — Rutherford AVA

BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for eighteen months in 40% new oak (50% French, 40% American) and 60% used French and American oak barrels before bottling.