

the path



2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKING NOTES

Bright garnet in color, The Path 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of blackberry, vanilla and a hint of tea leaves. Focused juicy cherry fruit flavors complemented by red currant and toasted cedar notes. This medium-bodied wine packs a lot of flavor while showing superb clarity and an incredibly long finish. Enjoy this Cabernet Sauvignon with a New York strip steak, pork crown roast, or your favorite burger with sweet potato fries.

APPELLATION

In crafting The Path 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon our winemakers sourced grapes from throughout California's prime grape growing regions. Known for its abundant sunshine which helps to ensure a reliable extended growing season, the "Golden State" has become an American winemaking mecca on par with the other great wine regions of the world. California boasts nearly 100 American Viticulture Areas (AVAs), that encompass over a half million acres of vineyards, supporting a diverse varietal mix. Cool climate varieties like Chardonnay and Pinot Noir thrive in the fog-bathed coastal areas, while the warmer inland valleys provide the perfect conditions for heartier heat loving varieties like Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Zinfandel and Sauvignon Blanc.

VINTAGE

Having weathered two excessively cool and wet vintages in 2010 and 2011, which reduced yields and made it difficult for grapes to fully ripen, California winemakers had much to rejoice about in 2012. Across the Golden State, most wine regions enjoyed near idyllic conditions throughout the growing season resulting in a bountiful crop of picture perfect grapes across all varieties. A perfect spring bud break, followed by steady flowering, an even fruit set, and just the right amount of warm sunny days and cool foggy nights, ensured that grapes enjoyed the extended hang time needed to fully develop. The fruit that emerged was ideally balanced, dark, richly structured and age worthy, with great color saturation and sweet tannins.

BLEND 88% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Grenache
4% Merlot
3% Ruby Cabernet

APPELLATION California

VINTAGE 2012

WINEMAKER Greg Kitchens

OAK AGING 10 months

OAK SOURCING 50% French Oak, 50% American
70% New, 30% Seasoned

ALCOHOL 13.5%

PH 3.55 **TA** 6.0 g/L

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