



"You cannot taste or talk about Brandlin Cabernet Sauvignon without acknowledging the impact of the site... Steep rocky soils and a moderate climate render an intense, black fruited concentration and powerful backbone of tannin that make this wine so unique."



BRANDLIN

MOUNT VEEDER

2012 BRANDLIN ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

MOUNT VEEDER, NAPA VALLEY | ESTATE GROWN

Brandlin is a Napa Valley estate that produces wine from a small, historic vineyard in the Mount Veeder appellation. Overlooking Napa Valley from its 1,200 foot perch, the estate is planted to 38 acres of Bordeaux varieties. These sustainably farmed, low yielding vines produce intensely concentrated grapes, resulting in wines that eloquently express this rare and rugged mountain site. The wines pay homage to the Brandlin family, which began farming wine grapes on Mount Veeder in the 1870's and established the Brandlin Vineyard in 1926. In 1998 Cuvaision Estate Wines was honored by the Brandlin family with rights to purchase Brandlin Vineyard. Today, we remain dedicated to maintaining the original ten acres of old vine Zinfandel and continuing the family's tradition of nurturing and farming the vineyard by hand.

WINEMAKER NOTES

"Our 2012 is overflowing with boysenberry, black cherry and dark, plummy fruit. The excellent growing season and slow ripening we inevitably enjoy on this mountaintop estate tends to really focus and concentrate the flavors in our Cabernet Sauvignon. Along with the rich fruit profile we find plenty of aromatic intrigue, with playful notes of olive and sage as well as coffee, cocoa and hints of mocha. The 2012 offering is 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Malbec, 9% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot. Complex and plush the wine finishes with long, silky tannins that are round and persistent on the finish."

- STEVE ROGSTAD

WINEMAKING

HARVEST

Date: Oct 11- Oct 30
Age of Vines: 12 years average

FERMENTATION & AGING

Fermentation: 15 - 28 days
Barrel Aging: 22 months in small French oak barrels (50% new)
ML: 100%

WINE

Blend: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Malbec, 9% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot
Alcohol: 14.5%
Acid: 6.2
pH: 3.70

