

• 2012 Red Wine • Napa Valley •



• Introduction •

Double Eagle combines two passions of David Grieve and Vance Rose: It is the rarest of golf shots, and the 2012 Double Eagle Red Wine is the latest release of our evocative Bordeaux blend. We have traditionally produced three Bordeaux varietals (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc) since our initial vintage in 2006 and have blended the best barrels of each varietal together to make our small quantities of Double Eagle. The Cabernet Sauvignon contributes strength, tannin and cedar; the Merlot contributes the lovely dusty plum; and the Cabernet Franc brings beautiful violets and lavender.

• Harvest Notes •

2012 was the first warm vintage since 2007 and quite a wonderful growing season. We harvested about two weeks early with each varietal and the fruit arrived at the winery in beautiful condition after one sort in the vineyard. With each varietal, we sorted again at the winery, preceded to a cold soak and then native-yeast fermentations. This, coupled with a few days of extended maceration post-fermentation gives the wine richness and the tannic structure to create a nice backbone for the wine.

• Tasting Notes •

The 2012 Double Eagle Red Wine displays expressive aromas of cedar, dusty plum, caramelized anise, cassis, cocoa and coffee. The wine has long, lingering flavors of plum, anise, shiitake mushroom and lavender with a beautiful, bright, savory acidity at the finish.

- *Winemaker* • Vance Rose
- *Harvest Date (CS)* • October 15
- *Harvest Date (MR)* • October 24
- *Harvest Date (CF)* • October 25
 - *Yield* • 3.23 tons/acre
 - *Average Brix* • 24.0°
 - *Cold Soak* • 5 days
- *Fermentation* • Native yeast; 17-22 days; 2-3-day extended macerations and all-natural malolactic fermentations
 - *Barrel Aging* • 19 months in French oak (74% new, 26% 1-year-old);
- *Varietal Composition* • 44% Merlot (Grieve Family Vineyard, Lovall Valley), 36% Cabernet Sauvignon (St. Helena), 20% Cabernet Franc (St. Helena)
 - *Alcohol* • 14.4%
 - *pH* • 3.71
- *Production* • 3,848 cases (6/750ml)

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