

## ESTATE BOTTLED 2012 CLARA'S RED WINE

This Wine Chalk comes from our 15.9-acre Clara's Vineyard located on Chalk Hill Estate. First planted in 2003 this warm, south-facing site features rocky, porous volcanic soils that are ideal for red Bordeaux varieties. To preserve the long-term viability of the ecosystem, all of our vineyards are maintained using low-input, sustainable viticultural practices.

2012 was a dream vintage, coming on the heels of a few challenging years. The rainy spring and temperate summer led up to a terrific harvest season. This delicious red wine is swarming with aromas of black cherries, dried roses, peppercorns, smoked meat, and lavender. The palate is filled with flavors of blackberry jam, black cherries, chocolate, and vanilla. Truly a delectable wine that drinks great now and will age well over the next 10 years.

## HARVEST

Harvest Dates: October 1 – October 26, 2012 Average Yields: 2.1 tons/Acre Average Brix at Harvest: 26.1°

## FERMENTATION / BARREL

Cultured and native yeast fermentation 100% malolactic fermentation with bi-weekly bâtonnage Cooperage: 100% French Oak, 67% new Barrel Aging: 20 months

## WINE

Blend: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Malbec, 20% Petit Verdot

Bottling Date: August 25, 2014

pH: 3.52 TA: 5.7 G/L Alcohol: 14.5%