



CHALK HILL

ESTATE BOTTLED
2012 ESTATE RED

CHALK HILL ESTATE is a compendium of unique microclimates, exposures and soil types. We are fortunate to be able to make everything from aromatic Sauvignon Blanc to big, bold Syrah. Nowhere is this ideal situation more evident than in our Estate Red, which is just that – the best blend of the red wines made from the estate. Each variety is perfectly matched to the vineyard site. The blend will also vary from year to year, as the vineyard yields and fruit quality depend greatly on the weather during springtime bloom and set, and during harvest. Our 2012 Estate Red is a unique blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Merlot, Syrah, and rounded out by a small amount of Carmenere. Cabernet and Malbec were the stars in 2012, and form the base of this Estate Red. Grapes grown on the rocky slopes of our Estate West vineyard make up the balance of the blend.

Our 2012 Estate Red is rich and smooth with a beautiful deep purple color. Aroma descriptors include blueberries, plums, tobacco pipe, cocoa powder, anise, and soy. The complex flavor profile includes a lot of black fruits, black cherry, bubblegum, chocolate, and vanilla. The finish is long with balanced acidity and abundant fruit sweetness, a great balance of fruit and spice. Textured yet silky, the wine is very appealing in its youth, but will also age beautifully for the next 10 years.

HARVEST

Harvest Date: OCTOBER 2-30, 2012

Average Yields: 2.2 TONS/ACRE

Average Brix at Harvest: 26.3°

FERMENTATION / BARREL

STAINLESS STEEL FERMENTATION WITH PUMPOVERS
100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BÂTONNAGE

Cooperage: 100% FRENCH OAK, 58% NEW

Barrel Aging: 20 MONTHS

WINE

Blend: 44% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 36% MALBEC,
9% PETIT VERDOT, 5% MERLOT, 4% SYRAH, 2% CARMENERE

Bottling Date: AUGUST 14-21, 2014

pH: 3.85 *TA:* 5.8 G/L *Alcohol:* 15.7%