



CHALK HILL

ESTATE BOTTLED

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON - CARMENERE

Our Estate West vineyard is a spectacular site with a warm south-facing slope perfect for growing red Bordeaux varieties. The rocky, porous volcanic soil challenges the vines. Yields are low, and the grapes are incredibly dark and flavorful. Cabernet Sauvignon thrives here. Our two acres of Carmenere were originally planted as an experiment, but it has become a key player in some of our blends.

This 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon – Carmenere captures the best of each variety and also shows how they complement each other beautifully. Cabernet gives the wine its structure and tannins, along with its classic blackberry and dark chocolate flavors. The Carmenere echoes those flavors, adding a slight hint of smoke and spice, but without the big tannins. The blend is richly textured and evolves with time in the glass. It's a fascinating wine from a top quality vintage.

HARVEST

Harvest Dates: OCTOBER 26 & 29, 2012

Average Yields: 2.2 TONS/ACRE

Average Brix at Harvest: 25.9°

FERMENTATION / BARREL

STAINLESS STEEL FERMENTATION WITH PUMPOVERS

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BÂTONNAGE

Cooperage: 100% FRENCH OAK, 67% NEW

Barrel Aging: 20 MONTHS

WINE

Blend: 70% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 30% CARMENERE

Bottling Date: AUGUST 25, 2014

pH: 3.82 *TA:* 5.6 G/L *Alcohol:* 15.3%