

# DARMS LANE

*Napa Valley*



## 2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, BON PASSE VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY

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**VINEYARD:** The Estate Bon Passe Vineyard is located in the southwestern bench lands of Napa Valley, in the Oak Knoll District appellation. The vineyard is comprised of both hillsides and valley floor, with varying soil types. As a result, we harvest our six blocks separately to take advantage of the different lots and add complexity to our wines.

**APPELLATION:** Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

**GROWING SEASON NOTES:** 2012 was a “classic” Napa vintage in many regards. Weather conditions during bloom were ideal leading to a generous set in the grapes. This allowed us to be more aggressive in our “green” thinning at veraison to create more even ripeness in the remaining clusters at harvest time. Temperatures during September were mild and consistent allowing the grapes to slowly ripen. We harvested the first Cab blocks on October 13th. Another warm spell the following week allowed us to harvest the majority of the remaining Cabernet on October 19th followed by a final small pick on October 27th.

**VARIETAL:** 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 1% Merlot

**WINEMAKER:** Brian Mox

**BARREL AGING:** 21 months in Oak – 50% new: 90% French, 10% American

**WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:** Our 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon reveals generous notes of blackberry, mocha, and gingerbread. Full-body with fine-grained and supple tannins, the palate is bold and a bit chewy with mouthwatering flavors of dark chocolate, fig and cherry. Our 2012 shows the typical concentrated palate of the Bon Passe thus we recommend some decanting. The density of the palate and more savory flavor profile make it an ideal pairing for grilled meats and hearty dishes.

**PRODUCTION:** 600 cases