

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2012 LINDA'S HILLSIDE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: The Estate Linda's Hillside Vineyard is located in the southwestern bench lands of Napa Valley, in the Oak Knoll District appellation. The prime hillside vineyard on the Darms Lane estate is named in honor of Linda Bump co-owner of Darms Lane who passed away in 2007 from Ovarian Cancer. It is the finest wine we make – a tribute to her.

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 hillside fruit on October 19th.

VARIETAL: 97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc

WINEMAKER: Brian Mox

BARREL AGING: 20 months in Oak – 60% new: 90% French, 10% American

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES: Dark ruby in color, our finest 2012 wine offers ripe blackberries and dark cherries with copious notes of cigar box and a hint of minerality. Well balanced with refined tannins, drink now after decanting or age for a few years in your cellar. You will be rewarded for your patience.

PRODUCTION: 76 cases

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