



CLOS PEGASE
NAPA VALLEY

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Hommage, Tenma Vineyard, Calistoga, Napa Valley

TENMA VINEYARD, on an alluvial fan in Jericho Canyon in northeastern Calistoga, produces Cabernet Sauvignon wines of deep color and intensity. Dunaweal Vineyard, across Dunaweal Lane from the winery, has deep and fertile soil allowing our Petit Verdot to thrive, providing inky color, mid-palate drive and exotic aromatic perfume for the blend.

HARVEST NOTES

2012 began with a drought-like, warm winter and early spring, accelerating budbreak by one week and resulting in an even and fertile bloom. Warm temperatures continued into late spring and early summer without significant heat events, prolonged cool periods or measureable rainfall - perfect weather for winegrape growing at the highest level. As a result of these conditions, véraison proceeded uniformly, and was earlier than in 2011. As harvest approached, the combination of warmer days and cooler nights ensured full ripeness in terms of flavor development, tannin maturity and crucial acidity retention. This ideal weather also set the stage for a higher-than-normal berry size which resulted in a prodigious crop which perfectly ripened through the summer and early autumn.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The individual lots of wine were racked at the completion of malolactic fermentation in the winter following harvest. In the summer of 2013 the wines were re-evaluated and individual lots were racked as needed. The finished wine blend was put up to tank in late November of 2014 after a total *élevage* of 24 months.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2012 Hommage Cabernet Sauvignon has an alluring ruby purple color. This wine is bursting with exotic and complex fruit notes of ripe black and red cherries and cassis complemented by scents of violets, graphite, black pepper, wild sage and a touch of incense. This sensuous Cabernet Sauvignon deftly balances mineral-tinged fruit, cocoa powder tannins and a full mouthfeel with a prominent mid-palate fleshiness and a lengthy refined finish.

LABEL ART

The label art pays homage to Simon Hantaï. Hantaï moved to France in 1949 and quickly became known throughout Europe for his large, abstract canvasses of profound, saturated color. Motivated by Jackson Pollock's gestural abstractions, Hantaï strove to produce a new method of painting that would redefine the role of the artist and restructure the picture plane. His unique aesthetic is evidenced by *Untitled* of 1955, reproduced on the label.

TECHNICAL INFO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

99% Cabernet Sauvignon
1% Petit Verdot

VINEYARD

Tenma Vineyard, Dunaweal Vineyard
Calistoga, Napa Valley

SOIL

Gravelly Bale Clay-Loam and Sandy Clay-Loam
Tenma Vineyard

Bale Clay-Loam
Dunaweal Vineyard

CLONES

7 and 337

HARVEST DATES

October 19 – October 22

AGING

24 months in 67% new French oak

BOTTLING DATE

January 2015

ALCOHOL

14.8%

