



TRINITAS
CELLARS



2012 MERLOT NAPA VALLEY

Tech Info

Suggested Retail: \$45
Number of Cases: 300
Alcohol: 14.9

Tasting Notes

Expressing notes of black cherry, all spice, cocoa powder and cedar on the nose, the palate confirms the mouthwatering and delicious flavor of big cherry, along with cocoa powder, and vanilla. The wine exhibits fine and delicate tannins, making it perfect for food pairings, or to enjoy by itself.

Winemaking

The grapes went through a 5 day cold soak to extract maximum color. The wine was pumped over 4 times daily, pressed to barrel and aged in 50% new French oak with minimal racking during it's 20 months of aging.

Vineyard Notes

Located on the valley floor in the iconic growing region of Rutherford, this slightly warmer area provides that famous "Rutherford Dust", a term coined to describe the dusty, earthy, sometimes chocolate flavors found in the rich, full bodied wines that come from the area.

Vintage Notes

The 2012 vintage will be one to remember, and reminds Napa vintners of some of the very best vintages of the past few decades. A mild spring led to a good fruit set. Summer and fall brought warm temperatures, but no heat spikes. All of the fruit enjoyed a long, slow ripening, driving more intense fruit flavors and complexity. These wines will be full bodied but tannins are soft and supple. The colors are vibrant and rich for whites, and nearly inky black for reds. Overall a fantastic vintage.