

OPTIMA

2012 Alexander Valley Duffy Cabernet Sauvignon

Our 2012 Optima Alexander Valley Duffy Cabernet Sauvignon is a full bodied expression of Alexander Valley. Characterized by a wonderful, rich nose with generous bright fruit and deep, concentrated, multi-layered aromas of dark red cherry and caramel. Espresso and cassis mingle with hints of dark chocolate and rose pedals. Well-integrated elements of sweet oak and vanilla carefully complement the fruit flavors and the round, rich silky middle. Supple on the palate, yet with a weighty, fruity mouthfeel and a medium tannic finish. The robust profile makes it ideal for big flavor meats. Given proper cellaring this wine will give drinking pleasure for years to come, adding roundness and complexity.

Our goal is to highlight the special characters of Alexander Valley Cabernet, while showcasing the distinct benefits and attributes associated with this magnificent vineyard. The Cabernet Sauvignon was handpicked October 22, 2012 at 25.5 degrees brix. The grapes were fermented 10 days to dryness, and then macerated an additional twenty-one days to soften and develop the tannins. Following pressing 90% of the wine was moved to 60 gallon French Oak barrels, 10% into American Oak where it received three gentle barrel to barrel rackings. These rackings clarify the wine naturally, and eliminate the need for filtration. This vintage was barrel aged for thirty-six months prior to bottling. Optima is hand crafted, utilizing the best possible resources available. The result is an exceptional example of richness and balance that are the hallmarks of this world renowned appellation.

Technical Data:

Appellation:	Alexander Valley
Harvest	October 22, 2012
Blend:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol:	14.6%
Barrel Aging:	36 months
pH:	3.70
Residual Sugar:	NONE

