

2012 Sonoma County *Cuvée Christine Syrah*

The 2012 edition of Cuvée Christine exemplifies poise within the Syrah spectrum, from savory to sweet. Named for the matriarch of the Donelan family, and like Christine herself, the wine is focused, complex, and engaging. Fermented with 30% whole cluster in 80% neutral oak, this Syrah is a blend of four different vineyard sites. The 2012 another voluptuous vintage of the Cuvée Christine. Deep, dark and purple at the core, this wine lifts from the glass with invigorating scents of chocolate pudding skins, gingerbread, and savory lardon bacon fat. It's mouth-coating and rich with black cherry, passion fruit, and refined tannin on the palate. The finish takes 30 seconds. Drink this textured and fresh wine with Osso Buco and polenta, and enjoy until 2030.

Vineyard Notes:

Location

The 2012 vintage contains syrah selected from Walker Vine Hill Vineyard and Atoosa Vineyard in the Russian River Valley, Obsidian Vineyard in Knights Valley, and Steiner Ranch Vineyard on Sonoma Mountain.

Cellar Notes:

The 2012 Christine represents the result of over twenty blending trials over many months. Blending is one of the most important aspects of winemaking. For us, the blend must not only be harmonious but also create a lasting impression of Sonoma County Syrah through the breadth of flavors that emerge from all of the properties we partner with.

Percentage New Oak

33%

Barrel Aging

20 months

Bottling Date

August 23, 2014

Composition

100% Syrah

Alcohol

14.1%

Production

899 cases

-35 Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML

