



2012 Proprietary Red Wine

WINEMAKER PHILIPPE MELKA'S TASTING NOTES

This opulent 2012 Proprietary Red immediately seduces the senses with a smoky, dark cherry impression that opens to reveal intense, ripe boysenberry, mixed wild berry and plum aromas. It delivers on many different levels, a true expression of both the vintage and ROY Estate. On the palate, masculine notes of black pepper, flint, dark chocolate and black tea are combined with an alluring hint of clove and French oak derived vanilla characteristics harmoniously bringing great richness, texture and depth. The finish is lengthy with fine tannins and a beautifully polished texture.

For optimum enjoyment of this wine, please decant and serve at about 64 °F.

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VARIETAL AND HARVEST INFORMATION

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot

Appellation: Napa Valley (nestled in Soda Canyon just south of Stags Leap District)

Blend: 100% ROY Estate 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot

Harvested: October 8-19, 2012

VINIFICATION

Concrete tanks/Open top fermenters

Maceration Time: 21 days

Malolactic Fermentation: 100% barrel fermentation

BOTTLED

May 28, 2014

FINISHED WINE

Alcohol: 14.5% TA: 5.6 g/l pH: 3.84

BARREL AGE

18 months in new French oak

No fining/No filtration

COOPERAGE

100% new Taransaud French oak

PRODUCTION

600 cases



2012 ROY Estate Proprietary Red Wine

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table Wine from Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Rating: 95

Drink: 2014-2034

Source: Wine Advocate #215 (Oct 2014)

I only tasted one wine, the 2012 Proprietary Red, a brilliant blend of 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot and 10% Petit Verdot aged 18 months in 80% new Taransaud barrels. This 640-case cuvée exhibits an opaque purple color, full body, supple tannins, and sweet blueberry and blackberry liqueur notes intermixed with hints of chocolate as well as dusty, earthy, forest floor notes. Drink it over the next 15-20 years. It is one of the finest efforts produced by the Roy Estate to date.

This 17-acre vineyard in Soda Canyon, in the eastern foothills of the Vaca Mountains, is divided into 12 blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon, 3 blocks of Merlot and 2 blocks of Petit Verdot. Proprietress Shirley Roy's original consultants were Helen Turley and John Wetlaufer, but currently she utilizes Philippe Melka.

-Robert Parker