



Renteria

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**2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
MOUNT VEEDER
NAPA VALLEY**

Composition:	88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot
Vineyard:	53% CS Tambor Vineyard, 34% CS Mt Veeder, 1% CS Beller 12% PV Mt Veeder
Harvest Date:	October 8 & 21, 2012
Brix at Harvest:	23.2-27.0
Finished pH:	3.83
Finished TA:	6.5 g/L
Alcohol:	14.1%
Cooperage:	Aged 22 months in 55% New French Oak
Winemaker:	Karen Culler
Production:	140 cases
Release Date:	Fall 2014
Suggested Retail:	\$60 per Bottle

Vineyard: The Tambor Vineyard is located in the southern part of Mt Veeder, and is situated on a southern facing hillside of clay loam soils, planted in 1992 to the Weimer clone on rootstock 3309, which produces small clusters with both medium and small sized berries. This vineyard is cane pruned and yields 2 tons per acre. At an elevation of 600 feet, in the cooler Mt Veeder appellation, the average hillside slope is 27%, that's steep! The up-and-down row orientation allows the vineyard to receive the cool breezes coming off the bay to the south in the evening while maximizing the sun exposure and warmth during the day. This gives slower ripening, preserving the nice varietal and fruit aromas and allows development of softer tannins.

Vintage: Vintage 2012 was a classic vintage for Napa Valley from start to finish. "Classic" and "perfect" are just two accolades being bestowed upon the 2012 Napa Valley growing season and harvest. Textbook conditions saw near-ideal spring bud break, steady flowering, even fruit set, and a lengthy stretch of warm days and cool and often foggy nights during the long summer months. Late and light rains held off until Napa Valley's treasured wine grapes found optimal ripeness, bringing exceptional quality to the crush pad and into the cellar.

Tasting Notes: The 2012 wines have an intense concentration and beautiful extract, but are also elegant, with balanced tannins. The Renteria Mt Veeder follows this style, along with a full body and silkiness. The aromas are full of dark fruit character with fresh herbal and tobacco notes. These old vines deliver supple tannins along with complexity and excellent depth that allows the wine to age very well for the next decade or so.

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