

2012 Napa Estate Mayacamas Range Zinfandel

Winemaker notes:

The Mayacamas Range Zinfandel is our primary estate wine from 100% Napa Valley organically grown grapes. Here you will find all the varietal character and fruit for which Zinfandel is famous, plus the depth and structure associated with Napa hillside vineyards, and the balance for which Storybook wines are known. Crafted to be enjoyed on release, the wine's notable depth and balance will continue its appeal well into the future.

Tasting notes:

Black cherry, berries, hints of cola, and minerals emerge initially in the nose of this wine, soon joined by a touch of cardamom and vanilla. Focused cherry liquor and refined tannins are at the core of its flavor and structure, a central core of intensity that lingers on and on. Balanced and intense, the wine will complement heartier dishes but has the refinement to be an increasingly graceful table companion for many years to come.

"It's young and it's deep; it's nicely focused on bright blackberry fruit and it's tight but promising... and given the remarkable Storybook Mountain track record with its Zins, we have nothing but full confidence in this one's ability to reach great heights."

90 points Connoisseurs' Guide

Vineyard:

Occupying a mountainside at the head of the Napa Valley, Zinfandels were first planted here in 1883. It is a grape unusually well adapted to the red clay loam soils, eastern exposures and microclimate of our hillside estate. The vines are hand tended, from pruning through picking. The crop is severely regulated, with two green harvests in May and August, to maintain just the right amount of grapes on each vine, averaging 2 to 2.5 tons per acre. No insecticides or herbicides have been used in all these years, and we are now CCOF certified organic growers.



Vintage: 2012

Appellation: Napa Valley, Estate

Alcohol: 14.9%

Harvest: September 20 to October 30

Cooperage: 16 months

French and American Oak

Bottled: April 2014

Production: 3022 cases