



STORYBOOK
MOUNTAIN
VINEYARDS

2012 Napa Estate Antaeus

Winemaker notes:

Antaeus, the son of water and earth in Greek mythology, is the symbol of strength derived from the soil. So too this wine, deriving strength from the matching of site and grape on every part of our land. The intensity derived from red clay soils is here in full, while the coolness of our site provides the acid balance so essential to a wine's grace and longevity.

Tasting notes:

"Immediately impressing with its sense of crafting and polish and as rich and refined in flavor as it is in aroma, the latest Antaeus marries the deep, dark berry fruit of Zinfandel with a bit of Cabernet cassis and is structured long distinctly claret-like lines. It is layered and long and thoroughly involving right now, but its balance and youthful vitality are the markers of a wine that will grow effortlessly."

93 points - Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wines

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. Yet there are hills and hollows on our land (the cooler exposure of a north facing hill for Cabernet, moister soils rich in clay for Merlot, etc.) that are every bit as appropriate for the Bordeaux varieties. 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%

Varietals: 53% Zinfandel, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot, 3% Merlot

Harvest: September 20 – October 30

Cooperage: 16 months
French and American Oak

Bottled: April 2014

Production: 530 cases