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WINERY & VINEYARDS

2012 NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

Winemaker Notes

Flora's favorite, our Napa Valley Merlot is a soft, supple red wine made to open right away, without waiting! The 2012 is bursting with big black cherry, juniper berry and black licorice flavors, easing into notes of cardamom, cinnamon, and gentle vanilla creme. There's an intriguing granite minerality to the wine along with a toasty, sweet oak profile in the finish. This is a wonderful stand-alone wine, but can be paired with a variety of dishes. It's forceful personality make it a good match for almost anything a Cabernet would be paired with, a favorite steak dish for instance, yet the wine's tannin structure is soft enough to pair with eggplant parmesan or your favorite chicken dish.

All The Facts

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Varietal:	Merlot
Case Production:	5,300
Aging:	15 months in 95% French oak and 5% American oak barrels; mixture of new and seasoned
Suggested Retail Price:	\$25
Enjoyability:	Drink now through 2018 for optimum enjoyment

On the Vine

2012 was a vintage for the record books in Napa Valley, with a near perfect growing season that featured warm days, cool evenings and no heat spikes or rain events to speak of. Our 2012 Napa Valley Merlot is sourced from our sustainably-farmed estate vineyards in St. Helena, Rutherford and Pope Valley. Blending grapes from these appellations and growing regions creates a multi-faceted wine with notes of red, black and blue fruits in addition to a variety of spices and other flavors.