

ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS



Limited production wines that focus on some of the *best and unique* lots of wine harvested each year. Winemaker Kevin Hall creates wines showcasing unique varietals, techniques or vineyard sites.

Each hand crafted wine is small production, uniquely different and one of a kind.

The 2012 Series: Cabernet Sauvignon

Hank Wetzel produced AVV's first wines in 1975 and the wine world quickly took notice of the elegant Cabernet Sauvignons from Alexander Valley. Thirty years later in 2004 he decided to focus on the flavor profile that made the valley famous, releasing a single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon known as the Alexander School Reserve. We continue the tradition with the 2012. This 100 percent Cabernet Sauvignon wine is a testament to AVV Winemaker Kevin Hall's skill and the Alexander Valley's unique ability to grow amazing Cabernet Sauvignon.

We harvested the fruit from a single gently sloping vineyard with older, mature vines. These low yielding vines produce loose clusters of pea sized grapes that ripen evenly and have incredible concentration, tremendous color and layers of flavor. 2012 was a textbook growing season with ideal weather. During the summer, we had an abundance of California coastal "sweater" weather, fog in the morning, and warm sunshine in the afternoon, often sending temperatures into the mid 90s and then quickly cooling off after sunset. The daily "diurnal" temperature shift, occasionally hitting 50 degrees, continued into September ripening the fruit evenly and slowly.

Aromas of cassis, cherry, plum, vanilla, chocolate and a touch of oak fill the glass. This is a smooth wine with earthy flavors of dark fruit, cassis, cherry, plum and chocolate. It is silky with well integrated tannins and flavors that linger for a long time, giving you a chance to reflect on the history and tradition of Alexander Valley Vineyards and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Food Pairing: Beef, lamb and duck are always a perfect pairing, try this with a filet topped with a mushroom gratin to compliment the earthy flavors.

Accolades: 2012: Gold Medal - San Antonio Stock and Rodeo Wine Competition

- Profile:**
- Rich concentrated with silky tannins
 - Cassis, black cherry and vanilla

About Alexander Valley Vineyards:

Harry and Maggie Wetzel purchased 600 acres of Cyrus Alexander's 1840's homestead in 1962. They started planting grapes in 1963 and from the beginning they realized that the property that stretched from the banks of the Russian River to the hillsides of the Mayacamas Mountains was a very special place. The Wetzel Family Estate has a rich diversity of soil types, elevations, exposures and microclimates giving AVV winemaker Kevin Hall grapes that showcase the terroir and the special place that we call home, Alexander Valley.

Technical Data:

Grapes: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvest Dates: October 9, 2012

Barrel regimen: 24 months aging in French Oak barrels medium plus toast with toasted heads, 100% new

Alcohol: 14.2% **pH:** 3.63 **TA:** 7.4 g/L **SRP:** \$45

Cases: 627 **Closure:** Cork

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