



## **2012 ANDRONICUS RED WINE NAPA VALLEY**

### ***Vintage***

The 2012 growing season started with an exceptional fruit set that allowed for tailoring the eventual ripened crops through green harvest. Three previous vintages had offered lower yields. That said, yields from 2012 were back to 'normal' and even a bumper crop in some cases. Heralded as a 'classic' Napa Valley vintage, the growing season was long. Days were warmer than average and nights were very cool. These temperature fluctuations created even ripeness in the berries with great acidity to assist in aging ability and higher sugars to help create lush, full wines. Harvest was easy going with no surprise rains or temperature spikes. The wines from this vintage will be talked about for many years to come.

### ***Vineyard***

Our family vineyard, located on the valley floor just north of St. Helena on the Silverado Trail, possesses well-drained, sandy, alluvial soils and is characterized by its ability to produce complex wines with well-defined fruit flavors, gentle acids and naturally balanced tannins. The Cabernet Sauvignon vines vary in age. They were most recently planted between the years 1996 to 2001 and are a combination of the 337 and See clones. Further north, our Ehlers Lane Vineyard consists of a stony, dry streambed and a knoll composed of thin gravelly soil over hard volcanic ash. Planted entirely to Cabernet Sauvignon these infertile soils produce low yields of grapes with concentrated flavors.

### ***Wine Profile***

A berry basket of aromas immediately greet your nose with blackberry, ripe strawberry and raspberry, while reminiscences of Schwarzwalderkirschtorte add depth with German chocolate and cream. On the palate, dark cherry candy and tart plum entwine, revealing great acidity and balance as blackberry and very light vanilla lead you towards well integrated oak and a sweet, red-fruit finish. Another delicious vintage of Andronicus, the 2012 is lush, lively and quaffable.

### ***Technical Information***

Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus
Winemaker:	Phillip Titus
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Cases Produced:	2737
Harvest Date:	October 2012
Release:	August 2014
Aging:	20 months 25% New Oak French, Hungarian, American
Bottled:	June 2014
Total Acidity:	.6 g/100 ml
pH:	3.75