



GREYSCALE
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RUTHERFORD
C A B E R N E T S A U V I G N O N

TASTING NOTES

Deep, dark red color with a purplish hue. A full aromatic profile of blackberries, blackcurrants and black cherries, enveloped by earthy notes and toasty oak aromas that suggest toasted brioche. A medium to full-bodied wine that has a rich entry of ripe black fruit flavors, with black pepper and allspice notes integrated well into the palate. The balanced oak flavors with the dense tannins make up a very complex finish that goes on and on.

BLEND

90% Cabernet Sauvignon
(Rutherford)

5% Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot

WINEMAKING NOTES

This Rutherford vineyard is known for producing wines with elegant and silky fruit rather than powerful, blockbuster flavors. The 2012 vintage displays sweet red and blackcurrant fruit intertwined with a dusty soil note, that some refer to as "Rutherford Dust." The base Cabernet expressed full and balanced flavors, from front to back, so Merlot was not added. Cab Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot were added to enhance the fruit intensity on the palate. The wine aged for 21 months in French Oak barrels, 60% new oak (Vicard). The blending took place in August 2014.

BOTTLING

Date: August 19, 2014

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH 3.87, Total Acidity 6.17g/L

Released: April, 2015

VINEYARD NOTES

2012 is the first year Greyscale Wines produced a single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon. We used fruit from a famed vineyard in Rutherford, located between Conn Creek Road and the Silverado Trail. The parcel was first planted in 1895 by Mrs. Thomas Rutherford and, over the years, has provided grapes for many prominent Napa Valley Cabernets. The vines are over 20 years old. The root stock is grafted with Clone 4 grapes that have a strong flavor intensity with very good color, aromas, and palette balance.

The vineyard's proximity to Conn Creek and the well-draining soils of the old creek bed combine with spectacular, western exposure to produce wines of richness and pedigree. It is also known for distinctive terroir characteristics of dusty, loamy soil notes.

Cabernet Sauvignon

Rutherford AVA

Harvest Date: 10/15/2012

Brix: 26.3, TA: 4.49

pH: 3.8



ABOUT GREYSCALE WINES

"Making wine is living our dream. Growing up with a family vineyard, avidly collecting wines for years, wine tasting in Bordeaux, and developing a curiosity about winemaking inspired us to create our own wine. Our goal is to produce small-lots of premium Napa Valley wines from the most prestigious vineyards in the valley.

Jean & Larry Rowe
Proprietors

ABOUT THE WINEMAKER
KIAN TAVAKOLI

With almost 20 years of winemaking, operations and viticultural experience, Kian Tavakoli brings a stellar combination of sensory and production skills to Greyscale Wines. Having graduated with a degree in enology from UC Davis in 1992, Kian spent 4 years learning cabernet wine-making at Opus One before he became winemaker at Clos Du Val where he ran their red wine program including the highly acclaimed reserve bottlings. Kian's passion for Bordeaux style wines is the perfect complement to our Greyscale family wine philosophy. We are pleased that he has been our only winemaker since we started in 2008.



"Wine is neither black nor white. It's always shades of grey"

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