



2012 RED HEAD VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Red Head Vineyard Clone 685 reveals plum, blackberry and cassis aromas along with sweet, concentrated fruit, a full-bodied mouthfeel, and terrific purity and palate presence. A stunningly good, complex wine, it boasts wonderfully sweet tannins and a long finish. It should be consumed over the next 12-15 years.

95 points ~ Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate

WINEMAKER Thomas Brown	APPELLATION Napa Valley
VINEYARD MANAGER Josh Clark	VINEYARD Red Head Vineyard
OAK PROFILE 80% new French oak, Taransaud and Darnajou	PRODUCTION 75 Cases
BLEND 100% Cabernet Sauvignon	RETAIL PRICE \$110

The Red Head Vineyard, owned by Ed and Jan Brown of Charlotte, North Carolina, and named after Jan who is a redhead, is located on Old Soda Springs Road on the Southeast end of the Napa Valley. Once a llama pasture, Ed and Jan bought the property in 2005 with plans to plant a vineyard on the rocky hillside. In 2007 Josh began the development of the 7.5 acre hillside vineyard. The row direction was selected in order to maximize heat collection and minimize sunburn. Cross arms are positioned to allow dappled sunlight to reach the fruit, which also maximizes heat collection and minimizes sunburn. Permanent cover crop is planted to help control springtime moisture and encourage small berries with concentrated fruit. Soil Series is Kidd loam and only about 24" deep and full of small cobble and tumbled round rocks. The Vineyard elevation is 220-280 feet and the slope is facing the Southwest.

The 2012 Saunter Red Head Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is made from 100% clone 685 grown on 101-14 rootstock. The clone 685 has consistently given us a characteristic essence of blueberries, uniform ripening and great minerality.