

Harvest & Varietal Information

VINEYARD: 100% Cain Vineyard, Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley

VARIETIES: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 8% Petit Verdot, 5% Malbec

RELEASE DATE: September 1, 2016

Estate Grown—Estate Bottled

2012 was the first and possibly the best in a series of three excellent vintages that rival the best of the last three decades. Growing conditions were just about ideal, and the vines responded beautifully with just the right amount of grapes that they were able to bring to just the right degree of ripeness at just the right moment. In terms of character, this wine has it in spades, with Cain Vineyard written all over it. You'll find it from the first nose, of seductive, aromatic, green perfume, to the very end of the finish - especially the very long, complex finish, with beautifully polished texture.

In 2012, almost any place can produce a good wine. But the Cain Vineyard goes much farther than simply good. The wines of the Cain Vineyard are stamped with a personality unlike those of anywhere else. The floral-herbal perfume, the fine, mouthwatering tannins, the layers of complexity are all specific to this place. A distinctive character is the hallmark of a great vineyard.

The wine drinks beautifully in its youth. Round, plump, juicy, savory, and yes, even fruity. This is a very complex wine that will reward a long meal as it develops in the glass. Today, to enjoy this wine in its optimal state, pour it into a carafe or decanter, give it some air and this sleepy giant will come to life!

Christopher Howell, Wine-Grower

About Cain Vineyard & Winery

Cain Vineyard & Winery overlooks St. Helena from the top of Spring Mountain in the western mountains of the Napa Valley. The estate vineyard is planted to the classic set of five varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. We make three wines: Cain Cuvée, Cain Concept representing the classical benchlands of the Napa Valley, and our signature blend, Cain Five.

For information on our other two wines, Cain Concept—The Benchland and Cain Cuvée, visit www.CainFive.com.