



# SEBASTIANI

2012

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON SONOMA COUNTY

### VINEYARDS

The gnarled, old vines planted back in 1961 at our estate vineyard document Sebastiani's history as a pioneer of Cabernet Sauvignon in Sonoma County. Since its inception in the 1980s, our Sonoma County bottling has set a benchmark for quality and character, earning high scores and praise from the press, trade and consumers. The wine owes much of its success to superior vineyards located from Sonoma County's top AVAs for Cabernet Sauvignon: Sonoma and Alexander Valleys.

### VINTAGE

2012 was rock solid! From start to finish it was finally our most normal, seasonal vintage since 2007 in Sonoma County! Overall it was a warmer vintage and made for riper more well-rounded flavors. The Cabernet was first harvested in late September from Alexander Valley, until late October in Sonoma Valley. The fruit reached full maturity, without any green tannins, nor vegetal flavors. We harvested all of the grapes under clear, night skies.

### WINEMAKING

After a three-day cold soak, the grapes were crushed and fermented at relatively warm temperatures in stainless steel tanks. After pressing, each lot was blended synergistically for flavor impact with other lots. In some cases, they were either egg white or gelatin fined to achieve ideal color and tannin concentration. By Springtime of 2013, all lots were racked to barrels for 10 months, primarily in American oak. Each lot was removed from barrels and in some cases lightly fined with egg whites. Small portions of Merlot, Petit Verdot, Ruby Cabernet, Malbec and Syrah were added for balance, aromatics and flavor prior to the final, master blend.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2012 Sonoma County Cabernet is dark ruby in color with enchanting aromatics that range from bergamot tea, dark to black cherry, cranberry and cassis. The flavors are bold and exciting including black cherry on first attack followed by layers of dark cherry cranberry. The finish is lengthy with cola berry and coconut/vanilla finish due to oak barrel aging. This medium-bodied wine closes with smooth tannins and nice acidity to rein in the fruit. Very drinkable now! - Mark R. Lyon, Winemaker

APPELLATION	Sonoma County
COMPOSITION	81.8% Cabernet, 8.6% Merlot, 3.7% Petit Verdot, 2.4% Ruby Cabernet, 1.5% Malbec, 1.5% Syrah, .5% Mixed Reds
COOPERAGE	10 months in primarily American oak barrels
ALCOHOL	13.98%
TA	0.56 g/100ml
pH	3.68
BOTTLING DATE	March 2014

