



## 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Monte Rosso • Sonoma Valley

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### ABOUT THIS WINE

These grapes are sourced from the famed Napa Valley wine pioneer Louis Martini who purchased the vineyard in the 1930s and named it Monte Rosso (Red Mountain) after its red soils. The combination of mountain soils, cool breezes, elevation, and good sun exposure give Monte Rosso its uniqueness.

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As with all our Cabernet, before destemming and crushing, the fruit was scrutinized cluster by cluster across our sorting conveyor, allowing only the best fruit to pass through. After a two day cold soak, the must was inoculated with yeast and allowed to warm. A combination of punchdowns and pumpovers were employed to gently attain the maximum extraction from the skins. At dryness the must was gently pressed, the wine inoculated with malo-lactic culture and put to barrel. The wine was barrel aged for 20 months (25% new American Oak, 75% 2 & 3 year old American and French Oak) prior to bottling. 225 cases produced

### SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Vintage:</b>	2012	<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.6%
<b>Wine Type:</b>	Red	<b>Cases:</b>	225
<b>Varietal:</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon	<b>Barrel Aging:</b>	20 Months
<b>Appellation:</b>	Sonoma Valley	<b>Barrels:</b>	French/American Oak