



BUTTONWOOD

WINERY & VINEYARD

2012 Cabernet Sauvignon

PROUDLY GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED ON OUR SANTA YNEZ VALLEY ESTATE

OVERVIEW

“King Cab” is our most age-worthy varietal wine, with great structure and tannins which continue to meld with time in the bottle. Enjoy with a juicy Steak, grilled vegetable brochettes and aged hard cheeses.

BLEND

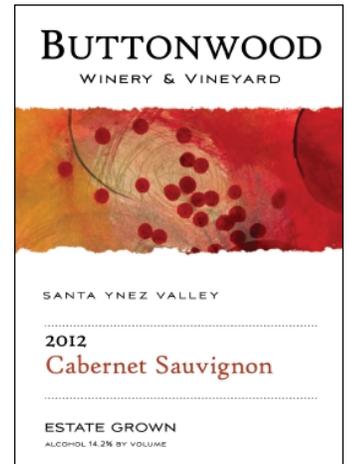
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

SPECS

14.2% Alcohol, 3.54 pH, 7.2 g/L acidity

PRODUCTION

137 cases bottled in-house August 2016



IN THE VINEYARD

As with all the vines at Buttonwood, the Cabernet Sauvignon is on its own roots and cane pruned in its neat 5x10 foot rows. Some of the original 1983 plantings, the 4.48 acres of vines run north to south and produce lanky clusters with berries that are quite petite for Cabernet, giving us a high skin to juice ratio that results in deep color and great natural tannins.

THE VINTAGE

It was a glorious vintage. The weather was picture-perfect from bud-break to harvest, with even and normal seasonal temperatures, foggy mornings, bright sunny days and cold, crisp evenings throughout the growing season. We finished our red grape harvest with Cabernet Sauvignon on Halloween - what a treat!

WINEMAKING

The grapes were removed from stems upon delivery to the winery and inoculated with FX-10 yeast. Twice daily pumpovers with délestage occurred to soften the tannic structure of the wine. In November, the new wine was racked to barriques, about 20% of which were new French Oak. The wine was racked twice with aeration and returned to barrel for cellar aging until bottled in the summer of 2016.

TASTING NOTES

A classic Cab with aromas of tobacco, graphite, black olive and cedar intermingling with star anise spice and hints of vanilla. A sip brings fruit flavors of cranberry compote, dried plums and loganberry layered in with dark chocolate, dried herb, cassis and black tea. Enjoyable now, and will age well for 7-10 years.

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