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## 2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY | OAKVILLE

Often described by winemakers as a carefree season, this is an evocative vintage with grace and aging potential. Aromatically generous, layers of dark cherry, savory dried herbs wrapped in the warmth of subtle oak. The texture is robust and firm calling out for patience.

*January 2022:* The Gallica team had a chance to revisit this vintage at our blind vertical tasting. Now in the wine's tenth year, what a beauty this is shaping up to be. Moving from youthful and restrained to a vastly interesting wine. Savory and structured. Cab Franc is a presence at the moment with alfalfa and chaparral. Mandarin peel, plum skin, and layers of blue fruits persist. Ready for enjoyment with decanting but we are excited to watch its future development.

2012 Growing Season | An average rainfall year with twelve inches falling in March during budbreak | Slightly below average temperatures throughout the season- a glorious summer | Canopy positioning and leafing with a green fruit drop in the summer balanced out a generous crop | Harvested September 26- October 2

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Decanter Wine Awards | Decanter California Cabernet 2012 | Outstanding

"A firm but juicy Cabernet with supple yet dusty tannins and great concentration of opulent bramble fruit allied with spicy oak.

It has a grippy, textural palate with lovely freshness on the finish."

Decanter | November 2017 | 97 PTS

"A huge, voluptuous wine, the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon is absolutely gorgeous. Strikingly beautiful."

Antonio Galloni | Vinous | December 2014 | 95 PTS

"I love the purity of fruit in this red with dark berry, raspberry and fresh mint character. Very impressive for the vintage. Drink or hold. Best ever from here."

James Suckling | July 2015 | 95 PTS

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VARIETAL: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon | 10% Cabernet Franc

WINEMAKING: Twenty months in barrel. Bottled without fining or filtration in July 2014

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

VINEYARD: Oakville Ranch Vineyard

DRINK WINDOW: Try / Hold

