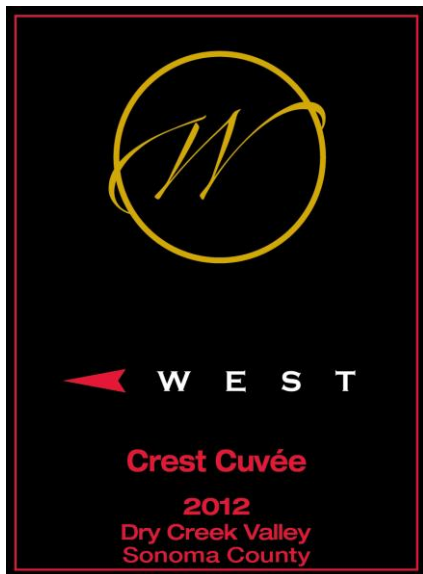


2012 West Crest Cuvée



- 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Cabernet Franc, 19 % Petit Verdot, 5% Merlot Dry Creek Valley AVA
- Harvested October 2012, bottled February 2015
- Aged 26 months in French oak barrels
- Alcohol 14,1%

West Crest Cuvée is a blend in the Bordeaux tradition where we use traditional Bordeaux grapes, grown in our Dry Creek Valley soil. The 2012 vintage pairs **Cabernet Sauvignon, 57%** with **Cabernet Franc 19%, Petit Verdot 19%, and Merlot 5%**. Blending is one of the finer arts of winemaking and each vintage of this wine is unique. 2012 was a warm year and we paired down the softer Merlot to give more room for the other more tannin-rich Bordeaux grapes. The result is a wine rich in flavors of dark cherries, bay leaves, licorice and well-rounded tannins. The wine was aged two years in French oak barrels before being bottled and then aged at 55F in the bottle for almost 4 years.

Our Cabernet Sauvignon is grown on our hillside property in the north end of the valley, on west facing slopes high above the valley floor. The grapes get long, warm and sunny days to mature with full and complex flavors. The companion grapes for the blend are all growing close by and share the same micro climate. 2012 was a warm long season and the crop was one of the best both in quality and quantity in a long time. It is rare to get both.

West Wines is a family owned winery in Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County, where we started growing grapes 1998. Our winemaking style is inspired by French winemaking. The grapes are hand harvested and meticulously sorted before crushing. We adhere to California sustainable practices in all our vineyards.

Katarina Bonde is owner and winemaker and **Phyllis Zouzounis** consulting winemaker at West Wines. Phyllis began her winemaking career at Dry Creek Vineyards in 1980 and has been the winemaker at many prestigious wineries in Sonoma County. Katarina has acquired a Winemaker's certificate from UC Davis while learning from hands on experience at her winery West Wines.