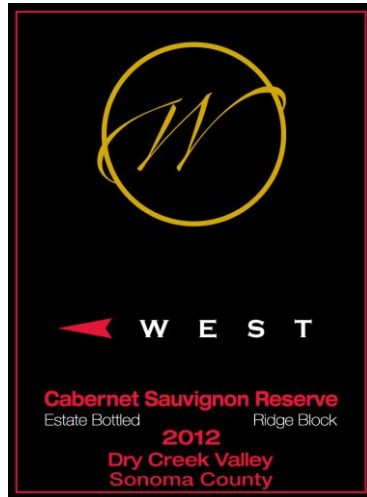


2012 WEST Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve



- 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Estate grown, West Crest vineyard
- Harvested October, 2012
- Aged 26 months in French oak barrels
- Released March 2019
- Alc. 13.5%
- Dry Creek Valley AVA

WEST Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2012 has prominent blackberry and dark cherry aromas which continue on the palate accompanied by nutmeg, laurel, and cedar. There is also a hint of coffee, licorice and leather which will continue to come forward over the years. 2012 was hailed as an exceptional growing season with perfect even weather throughout the entire season. The warm spring and balmy summer and fall had no surprising heat spikes or cold spells ensuring balanced evenly ripening grapes. We got well balanced grapes both in abundance as well as excellent quality – a rare vintage. We age the wine in French oak barrels for 26 months and bottle age 4 years. This wine was released in March 2019. Enjoy now or let it continue to evolve more complex flavors over the years until at least 2029 and longer.

Our Cabernet Sauvignon grows on our hillside property in the north end of the valley on west and south facing slopes. High above the valley floor with its morning fog the grapes get long warm and sunny day to mature with full and complex flavors.

West Wines is a family winery in Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County owned by Katarina Bonde and Bengt Akerlind. Our winemaking style is inspired by French winemaking where long aging is part of the method and we have been exporting wine to Europe since 2004. We practice sustainable farming, minimizing the use of energy and water and using solar power. Between our vine rows we grow cover crops to create nutrition for the plants but also flowers who serve as a habitat for beneficial insects for pest control.

Winemaker is owner Katarina Bonde with consulting winemaker Phyllis Zouzounis. Katarina did her Winemakers Certificate at UC Davis and has hands on experience from crafting the portfolio of wines 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.