



2012 Carneros, Napa Valley  
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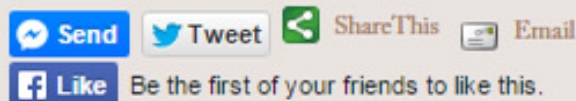
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## Wine Specs

**Vintage** 2012

**Varietal** Merlot

**A.V.A.** Carneros~Napa Valley

**Harvest Date** September 27th, 2012

**pH** 3.26

**Aging** 40% new French oak

**Fermentation** Stainless Steel

**Bottling Date** May 22nd, 2015

**Tannin** 7.8 g/L

**Alcohol %** 14.6

Another signature wine of Cairdean Estate, our Napa Valley Merlot from the Carneros appellation showcases the many qualities of this premium growing region. Although known for its Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, the unique terroir of Carneros creates Merlots that highlight the lush, soft fruit, balanced acidity and structured tannins that are a hallmark of Merlot. Under the careful guidance of winemaker Stacia Williams, our Carneros Merlot becomes one of the best food-pairing wines we have to offer.

## Wine Profile

### Tasting Notes

In the glass, this wine is a deep and dark magenta/garnet with violet hues around the edge. On the nose, fruit aromatics of cherries, berries, dried figs and dark fruit jam mingle with spice and smokey oak notes. On the palate, this wine enters soft and reveals velvety tanins and bright acidity that will allow it to age for years to come.

### Vintage Notes

By all accounts, 2012 was about as perfect a year as a winemaker could hope for. The winter was mild with only a few early spring frost days. The summer was mild to warm with warm days and cool nights: Just perfect for growing exceptional wine grapes. Many vineyards had higher than average crop levels, which was welcomed by growers and winery owners alike.

### Production