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VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

We have long term contracts with two vineyards in the northeastern part of the Paso Robles appellation. Both are on steep slopes, and have the sandy loam soils that are typical of the area. One is a mature vineyard, and it has both Cabernet and Merlot planted on it. These are older field selected clones. The other younger vineyard has Cabernet and Petite Verdot. It is planted to more modern clones. The 2012 growing season didn't present any particular problems as far as winegrowing. The yield of fruit and the weather pattern fit right into the average for the region.

WINEMAKING NOTES

It is a deeply held belief here that the vineyard and vintage play the lead roles in determining the quality of our red wines. While it's difficult to assign an exact percentage, the winemaking effect is in a supporting not starring role. We practice night harvest by hand. The fermentations have a high degree of whole berries. Open top fermenters are combined with punch down to give effective and gentle extraction. Only French oak barrels are utilized with the amount of new oak carefully controlled to insure it stays in the background. The wines are blended in the first summer after the vintage and bottled the following one.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

This wine has a beautiful deep ruby red color. The initial aromatic facets are spicy and woody with cedar, cinnamon and vanilla in play. The fruit aromas are most like cranberry. While the aromas are fine and appropriate for type, it is the textures and flavors in the mouth that make this wine shine. There are substantial tannins, but they are of the delicious velvety persuasion. There is discernable active acidity as well which will make this wine a friendly companion of food.

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Varietal	80% Cabernet, 13% Merlot, 7% Petite Verdot
Appellation	Paso Robles
Alcohol	13.6%
T.A.	6.6
pH	3.65
Brix at Harvest	24.0°
Aging Regime	19 mos. in barrel
Bottling Date	6/16/2014
Production	5,000 cases

