

MASTRO SCHEIDT

FAMILY  CELLARS

2012 Sonoma County Red Wine Dry Creek Valley, Alexander Valley

Mastro Scheidt wines are sourced exclusively from mountain and hillside vineyard sites in Sonoma County's Dry Creek, Russian River Valley and Alexander Valley. Here, rocky soils and a pattern of warm days and cool nights add depth and concentration of flavors to the finished wines.

Since its introduction in 2009, the mission statement of the Sonoma County Red Wine Blend can be distilled down to one word: EXPERIMENT. A completely new wine at bottling each vintage, this wine evokes passionate response. It won't please everyone - but it was never meant to.

VINEYARDS

The majority of the Cabernet in this bottling comes from the D. Rafanelli Vineyard on the western slope of Dry Creek Valley. The remaining 4% from the Lencioni Vineyard was co-fermented with 1% Malbec hand picked from the Rickards Vineyard in Alexander Valley, before being introduced into the final assemblage. 10% Cabernet Franc from Dry Creek Valley's Clark Vineyard was fermented separately and introduced during the final blending process. The wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

VINTAGE

After several challenging vintages in a row, 2012 was practically perfect. The weather was ideal, giving us abundant fruit set, zero frost damage and no rain until after the grapes were safely in the cellar. So what does a winemaker do with "the perfect grape?" Our goal was to accent the vineyards of Dry Creek Valley - with a splash of Alexander Valley. As always, we looked for new ways to achieve balance in the glass - staying disciplined, and allowing these remarkably expressive grapes to shine through in the finished wine.

IN THE GLASS

First released in April 2015, this vintage best suited those who enjoy in-your-face tannin structure and powerful aromatics. As time passes, the raw power is giving way to a more refined and controlled strength, rich with ripe blackberry and coffee-infused dark chocolate. This vintage marks the first time Malbec has been included in a Mastro Scheidt release. Even at a scant 1%, Malbec imparts powerful aromatics of violets and dark spice.

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TECH INFO

Varietal: 89% Cabernet Sauvignon,
10% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec

Appellation: Sonoma County

Vineyards: D. Rafanelli, Lenconi,
Clark, Rickards

Alcohol: 14.1%

Aging: 21 months

Barrel Profile: 85% new American,
15% once used French

Production: 30 cases

SRP: \$55.00