

Olivia's Blend

2012 | CABERNET SAUVIGNON



100% Cabernet Sauvignon

50% Canyon Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 6

50% Upland Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.855

TA: 5.4 g/liter

RS: <0.5 g/liter

14.6% alcohol

45 cases produced



Harvest and Winemaking

2012 was a normal weather year after coming off the cool vintages of 2010 and 2011. Weather was mostly dry during September until a few weather fronts moved through in mid to late October which delayed picked for some of the late ripening grapes.

Canyon Vineyard on Red Mountain is farmed by Michael Corliss. We picked the clone 6 Cabernet Sauvignon on October 18 and love the small berries on the clusters and the floral aromas of this Clone. Upland Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon was picked on October 24. The vines were planted in 1973 and are farmed by Todd Newhouse. It is a joy to work with fruit from old vines as they are majestic to view. Both lots of Cabernet Sauvignon were hand harvested and hand sorted prior to destemming. Native yeast conducted the fermentation and only the free run wine was retained.

Denise and Brett Isenhower selected the best barrel (Tonnellerie Sylvain Reserve Medium Plus) from each lot to create Olivia's Blend. The wine was blended in August 2013 and bottled in August 2014. Only 45 cases produced. Artwork by Olivia Isenhower, age 10.

Tasting Notes

Olivia's Blend has rich aromatics that are nicely integrated from the extra year of bottle age and high quality barrels. You will enjoy the beautiful cassis and dark raspberry fruit, with hints of pencil lead, a little molasses and clove. This wine over delivers.... confident aromatic start turns into something cool....immediate hit of concentrated fruit that goes on for a long time...nice underpinning of fine tannins from skins and French oak. Olivia's Blend is the pinnacle of our Cabernet Sauvignon winemaking.

Denise and Brett Isenhower founded their winery in 1999. They are committed to sustainable winemaking through low input farming, native yeast fermentation, natural corks, American made bottles, no capsules, and recycled paper labels.

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