

2012

HILLSIDE CUVÉE

red wine

VARIETY: 49% zinfandel, 33% petite sirah, 8% petit verdot,
7% carignan, 3% syrah

APPELLATION: Sonoma County

DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: Varies

pH: 3.70

ALCOHOL: 14.7%

CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2021

VINIFICATION NOTES: Grapes for our vintage blend were hand picked between September 24th and October 23rd from our Dry Creek and Alexander Valley properties. Each variety was fermented and aged separately in a combination of French and American oak, 20% new, for 17-18 months, before being selected for this blend through extensive blending trials.

SENSORY NOTES: Rich and full-bodied, this selective blend leads with juicy, dark fruit from its zinfandel component, violets and cassis. On the palate, chicory and cedar evolve into layers of soft, chewy tannins, compliments of the thick-skinned petite sirah. The dash of petit verdot harmoniously adds depth and nuance.

VINEYARD NOTES: The Hillside Cuvée is a blend from our two estate properties: Big River Ranch, with its deep red soils and hot summer days, and Lily Hill Estate, whose steep hillside allows for substantial drainage and beneficial stressing of the vines. Together, these vineyards exhibit the climate and terroir needed to produce exceptional zinfandel and Rhone varietals.

VINEYARD DETAILS:

CLONE: Various

SOIL TYPE: Clay, heavy loam, sandy loam

ELEVATION: 200-400 feet

VINE SPACING: 4' x 8', 6' x 8'

YIELD PER ACRE: 2-4 tons

ROOTSTOCK: Various

YEAR PLANTED: 1980-2004

TRELLISING STYLE: Cordon

IRRIGATION: Minimal drip

RETAIL PRICE: \$30. Strictly limited production

Bella

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