





CAIN VINEYARD & WINERY

2012 Cain Five: Estate Grown—Estate Bottled

2012 was the first, and possibly the best, in a series of three excellent vintages that rival the best of the last three decades. Growing conditions were just about ideal and the vines responded beautifully with just the right amount of grapes that they were able to bring to just the right degree of ripeness at just the right moment. In terms of character, this wine has it in spades, with Cain Vineyard written all over it. You'll find it from the first nose of seductive, aromatic, green perfume, to the very end of the finish—especially the very long, complex finish, with beautifully polished texture.

Varieties: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 8% Petit Verdot, 5% Malbec

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Despite our constant commitment to balance and grace, despite our long demonstrated belief that power and intensity do not equate to quality, the 2013 Cain Five is undoubtedly the most dense and structured Cain Five since the 1994. A perfect reflection of the vintage and the place—it is a classic *vin de terroir*. The nose reminds us of the vineyard, with its notes of the forest and wild herbs. And we find a hint of the funky animal notes, also a signature of the Cain Vineyard. The depth and warmth of the palate tells we're in a land of sun and dry summers (not Bordeaux)—reminiscent of the Mediterranean coasts of Spain, France, Italy, Greece—but with a depth, a wildness, and a generosity that could only be from somewhere between Napa and Sonoma.

Varieties: 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Franc, 8% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot

2014 Cain Five: Estate Grown—Estate Bottled

2014 Cain Five is, quite simply, the most beautiful wine ever to have come from the Cain Vineyard. Why the 2014 turned into such a beautiful, elegant, seamless, and complete wine, we don't know. You'd think we would, because as a team, many of us have been working together for nearly twenty vintages and more. Every year, we take the same approach to tending the vines, deciding when to pick, and managing the vinifications and the wines in the cellar. Every year, we work with grapes from the exact same vines, and every year, the outcome is slightly different. The aromas are discrete: fruity—floral—herbal—spicy—and pure. On the palate, the wine has a certain density, but now the tannins have melted and this wine just flows. This is a wine for the ages. Drink now or forever.

Varieties: 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 8% Malbec, 7% Petit Verdot