

RALPHI'S

RED WINE
LIVERMORE VALLEY
v. 2012

Nottingham Cellars Micro-Lot Reserve wines are produced from the finest vineyards in the Livermore Valley that showcase the region's ability to grow world class Bordeaux Varieties. Each variety is site specific and was chosen as one of our finest offerings available.

SPECIFICATIONS

Vintage
2012

Wine Type
Red Wine

Appellation
Livermore Valley

Varietal Composition
60% Cabernet Sauvignon
40% Merlot

Cooperage:
60% New French Oak:

Harvest Chemistry
24.6 Brix
3.66 pH
.64 TA

Alcohol %
14.4

Cases Produced
125

Retail : \$38

WINE PROFILE

The Vineyard

In 2012 the Cabernet Sauvignon portion of the Ralphi's Red came from our friend Julio at Casa De Vinas and the Merlot came from Triska Crane Ridge. These vineyards have been vital components to our winemaking program for years and work together in perfect harmony to make a classic Bordeaux-Style Blend.

Winemaking

The grapes were harvested between October 1st and 17th of 2012. We take many approaches to our Cabernet Sauvignon program. In the vineyard we have different farming strategies to best capture the nuances of specific sites. When the fruit arrives at the winery we implement numerous fermentation techniques and many different cooperages are used for aging to give us a complex array of blending components. Of the several hundred barrels of Cabernet Sauvignon produced each vintage, we hand selected three as the perfect base for Ralphi's and were blended with two barrels of Merlot from Triska Crane Ridge.

Maker's Notes

The perfect crowd pleasing blend for any occasion. Ralphi's is soft, supple and delicious and meant to be enjoyed over good times with good friends. Red berry fruit and cocoa lead the way and are met with vibrant fleshy tones of blueberry cobbler and a touch of coffee. Warning: It is not uncommon to grab a second bottle.

