

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
napa valley

In 1983, Tony and Herta Peju bought thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of the Napa Valley. Since then, the Peju family has maintained a meticulous focus on the vineyard, which has grown to include a proactive approach to sustainability and environmental consciousness. That longstanding commitment and respect for the grapes can be tasted with each sip of these balanced and elegant wines. Still family-owned and operated with daughters Lisa and Ariana poised to take the helm, Peju Winery has become an integral piece of the Napa Valley landscape.

VINEYARD

Peju's Rutherford Estate is a California Certified Organic vineyard, and is planted primarily with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The winery's two additional properties, located in Pope Valley and Calistoga, are both sustainably farmed. At Persephone Ranch in Pope Valley, the climate is suited to grow Sauvignon Blanc, as well as Zinfandel, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot are grown on the Wappo Vineyard in Calistoga. Drawing from such varied terroir, the wines exhibit the perfect blend of mountain-fruit focus and Rutherford complexity.

VINTAGE

Textbook bud break and flowering gave us high hopes for harvest, and Mother Nature did not disappoint. Summer temperatures remained in a precise range during the day, before dipping into the low 50s at night. This wide arc provided gentle, steady ripening and balanced sugar levels, and by evading late rains we finished with a bountiful harvest of undeniably excellent fruit.

TASTING

Rich and complex, the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon offers lovely aromas of summer berries with hints of anise, cocoa powder and caramel on the nose. Concentrated flavors of mocha, cherry, ripe raspberry and nutmeg lead to a rounded finish with restrained, yet velvety tannins.

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VINEYARD
*rutherford estate, persephone,
wappo*

COMPOSITION
*83% cabernet sauvignon,
8% merlot, 5% petit verdot,
2% syrah, 1% cabernet
franc, 1% malbec*

COOPERAGE
*60% french oak and
40% american oak, 40% new*

AGING
18 months

ALCOHOL
14.5%

TA
6.3 g/l

PH
3.63

HARVEST DATE
october 2012

BOTTLING DATE
june 2014

RELEASE DATE
october 2014

CELLARING
enjoy now through 2020

SRP
\$50 | \$600