

BUCKLIN

OLD HILL RANCH

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2012 • SONOMA VALLEY

Planted in 1982, the Single wire sprawl planted 12 ft x 7 ft, Old Hill Cab is a lean old school California Cab.

96% Cabernet Sauvignon 4% Alicante Bouchet.

alc. 14.6%



About Bucklin:

Bucklin winery was founded in 2000 by the four Bucklin siblings, Arden, Kate, Ted and Will. Bucklin only produces wine from grapes they grow on their family vineyard; Old Hill Ranch. The viticulture and winemaking are managed by Will Bucklin and the annual production is 1,800 cases.

Established in 1852 near the town of Glen Ellen, Old Hill Ranch is one of California's oldest vineyards. The six-acre block of Cabernet Sauvignon, a relative newcomer to the vineyard, was planted on Old Hill in 1983. This Cabernet block was planted by our neighbor B.R. Cohn, who leased the vineyard until 2004. Unfortunately these vines were planted on AXR rootstock, meaning that they have phylloxera, and their roots are compromised. The vines are healthy but the yields are modest.

2012 was a near perfect spring with enough rain, but not too much, and no frost. Summer was beautiful too. We had cool foggy mornings, and warm days, without the requisite major heat spells of years past. Then, during the fall months, the shorter days continued to be warm but the nights became very chilly, and the first substantial rains finally came at the end of October, after harvest was completed.

The yields were heavier than usual throughout Old Hill and the Cab was no exception, weighing in at just over 6 tons on six acres, or 1 ton per acre. The grapes were fermented with indigenous yeast. The fermentation period was relatively cool and long, lasting 16 days. During the initial phase the must was punched down and during the active phase it was pumped over. The wine was aged in 20% new Orion French oak for 18 months. We bottled the wine in April, nominal filtered with minimal sulfites.

The 2012 Cab has fruit aromas of cherries, currants and plums. There is a modest background of eucalyptus and lavender spice with oak wood and toast aromas. It is a lean-textured wine with ripe flavors of blackberries and raspberries with slight earthy notes and cedar, anise and vanilla oak spice. The big tannins and lean acidity suggest that this wine will benefit greatly from aging.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON:

VINEYARD; *Old Hill Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon, est. 1982 planted on AXR, phylloxera present.*

VINTAGE; 2012 **HARVEST DATE;** *October 19th*

TONS / ACRE; 1.0 **BLEND;** 96% Cabernet Sauvignon 4% Alicante Bouchet

HARVEST BRIX; 24.0° **HARVEST TA;** 0.40

HARVEST PH; 3.66 **VINIFICATION;**

Indigenous yeast, stainless steel fermented, aged 17 months in 20% new French Oak

ADDITIONS: 0.3 g/l tartaric acid and sulfites. *Nothing else*

BOTTLING DATE; April 2012

BOTTLING TA; 0.60 **ALCOHOL;**

14.6% **BOTTLING PH;** 3.62 **CASES**

PRODUCED; 512.

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