



2012 K STONERIDGE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

He said it's Bordeaux... then, I slapped Brennon... it's Washington. True Cabernet. Red and black cassis, gravel, wild plum, pencil lead, fresh herbs on a classic frame. Impeccable tannins. Fall in love with this wine. I did!

BLEND

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

PRODUCTION

Yield: 2 Tons Per Acre
100% Whole Berry
Yeast: Native
43 Days on Skins
80% New Oak
22 Months Barrique Aged on Lees

WINE ANALYSIS

.57 g/100ml Total Acidity
3.78 pH
14.5% Alcohol

UPC

184745100123

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

93 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"A classic, structured effort, the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Stoneridge Vineyard (100% Cabernet Sauvignon) gives up lots of graphite, leafy herbs and dried violet nuances to go with ample kirsch and black cherry fruit. Focused, nicely balanced, with a full concentrated mid-palate, give it 2-3 years and enjoy bottles through 2027."

91 Points, Wine Spectator

"Firm and focused, centered on black cherry and mint notes, with hints of creme fraiche on the fine-grained finish, lingering with juicy intensity. Has presence and subtlety behind the power. Drink now through 2019.."

VINEYARDS

The vineyards we work with are farmed using the most up to date sustainable practices.

Stoneridge Vineyard: Stoneridge vineyard is located northeast of the Wahluke Slope AVA, across the Saddle Mountains, near Royal City. Very rocky soils, in fact six different kinds, make up the complex profile of aptly named Stoneridge. The vineyard is a mix of Malaga, silt, loam and big rocks of fractured basalt and caliche. It is a warm site with good air drainage and lots of wind. This windy site has naturally reduced yields and limited vigor encouraging robust, yet supple tannins that add to the aging potential of the wine. The thick-skinned fruit produces intense color and wild aromatics. 2008 is the first year we purchased anything besides Syrah there, but now we are taking almost the entire vineyard, which includes Viognier, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Malbec.

VINTAGE

Washington's vintners were overjoyed at what they tasted after a growing season that tracked very much like 2008, one of the best vintages in memory. Depths of color and flavor in an abundant crop that retained its desired acidity seems to have put a smile on most winemakers' faces. Following several cooler vintages, 2012 allowed the vines to ripen normally. The waves of fruit came in smoothly. Fruit could hang longer without worrying about getting too ripe. The steady ripening also allowed for beautiful structure and elegance.

