

CARNE HUMANA

PROPRIETARY RED WINE

Our Story

Prior to Napa becoming a county and even before California was a state, a vast rancho called Carne Humana encompassed the stretch of Napa Valley from Rutherford north to Calistoga. Present-day maps exclude any references to this 17,962-acre rancho. But there remains indisputable logic to its historic boundaries. The climate in the upper reaches of Napa Valley is warmer than in the south, making possible the successful cultivation of red grape varieties renowned for richness, concentration and backbone.

2012 Vintage

After a dry winter, the northern part of the Napa Valley experienced substantial rainfall in March, followed by a warm, yet not overly hot, summer. In general, 2012 offered a mildly warm growing season with the only heat spike being a two-day occurrence close to harvest. This gentle vintage gave the fruit long hang-time for ideal acid and sugar balance along with complexity of flavors.

Winemaker's Notes

For our 2012 Carne Humana Proprietary Red Wine we blended 100% Napa Valley fruit, the preponderance of which was grown within the borders of the original rancho. All of the fruit was co-fermented and barrel-aged as unique blends. This allowed the various grape types to integrate with each other early on, and also for the different vineyards to achieve greater harmony in the final blend. After an extended maceration of almost 60 days, we aged the wine in a combination of new and seasoned French oak barrels for about 18 months.

TASTING NOTES

Color: Deep scarlet with a slightly purplish-black core.

Aromatics: Blackberry, dark chocolate, black licorice, ripe cherry, hints of black pepper and cured meat.

Palate: Hint of sweet tobacco, maple, cherry pie filling, black licorice and an enlivened, bright acidity on the entry that is quickly followed by rich, dark fruits, dried cranberry and sweet oak. Lingering finish.

Structure: Rich and bold, balanced by acidity and integrated tannin.

PREDOMINANT VARIETIES

Petite Sirah (Durif): Structure, inky color and dark chocolate.

Zinfandel: Lively acidity and dark red fruit.

Petit Verdot: Firm tannins, violet and anise notes.

Syrah: Bacon, blackberry and black pepper.

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