2012 Syrah Castelli-Knight Ranch Russian River Valley

Our 12th vintage from this site is an all-time favorite, perhaps the best we've made from this spot. The muscular 2003 may edge it out in my opinion as the true winner, but this is a stunner for sure. The steep, bright-orange Haire-clay soils on the slopes are as stunning to look at as to taste the wines they grow.

100% Syrah 100% Whole cluster 18-month elevage in neutral French oak pH 3.9 14.9% abv 395 cases bottled

Tasting Note:

Black pepper and blackberries fight for dominance in the aromas of this very full-bodied wine from this small, special site. Very concentrated, with ripe tannins and layers of fruit and spice.

95-97 pts (eRobertParker.com #210, Robert M. Parker, Jr.,Dec. 2013) 93+ pts (IWC, Josh Raynolds, May 2014)

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