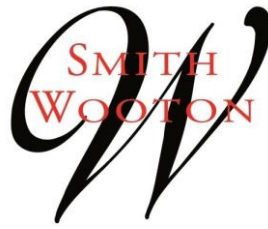
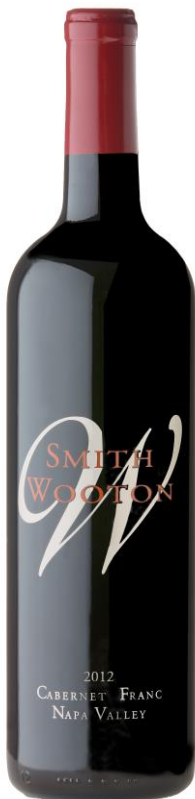


2012 SMITH WOOTON CABERNET FRANC



WINE PROFILE

Winemaker:	Daniel B. Benton
Vineyard:	Gallagher's Vineyard, Oak Knoll District
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Blend:	100% Cabernet Franc
Alcohol:	14.5%
pH:	3.72
Aging:	28 months in French Oak barrels
Production:	225 cases
Harvest date:	October 24, 2012



Grapes for the 2012 SMITH WOOTON CABERNET FRANC come from tiny, Gallagher's Vineyard on Napa Valley's Silverado Trail in the heart of the Cabernet growing region. Winemaker, Daniel Benton managed the vineyard and became intimately familiar with each vine. As the result of his efforts the grapes came in loaded with varietal flavors. With just an acre of grapes, production is very limited.

The grapes were crushed and bin fermented in small lots at cool temperatures. This method created a long fermentation which accentuated the fruit flavors and added complexity. To avoid extraction of harsh tannins, no pumps were used until after the wine was pressed off the skins. This special attention by the Winemakers created a wine with layers of complexity. Our 2012 SMITH WOOTON CABERNET FRANC is the result of their labors.

TASTING NOTES

2012 SMITH WOOTON CABERNET FRANC is bold and tannic with clear varietal character. Extended barrel aging enhances the tannin structure and adds to the wine's aging potential.

The wine opens with aromas of dried rose pedals and sweet roasted peppers with just a touch of spice. There is a memory of and dark cherries with tingles of spices as the wine coats the palate. The wine demonstrates classic leather notes on the finish. This is a classic Smith Wooton wine that coats the palate and leaves you craving another sip. This wine has the balance to age gracefully for a decade.

Decanting the wine prior to drinking is recommended.

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