



Cabernet Sauvignon (52%) Merlot (39%)  
Cabernet Franc (3%) Malbec (3%)  
Petite Verdot (3%)

**Winemaker Notes:**

The dark purple hues and the depth of aromas in this wine immediately speak of the strength of the 2012 harvest. In the nose, one is attracted by smells of blackberries, spice, and pleasing earthy aromas. The lush, round entry on the palate leading to a well structured, full mouthfeel, ending with a long pleasing finish. Added notes of black cherry, ripe plums and nicely integrated oak make this Meritage a wine that can be enjoyed now but will reward the patient consumer with the added complexity that will be gained with years of aging.

**The Vineyards:**

The grapes all come from the Napa Valley. The Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petite Verdot all come from Yount Mill Vineyards in the Oakville Appellation. It is meticulously farmed and is organic certified. For the Merlot we are lucky enough to have access to Andy Beckstoffer's best Merlot from Missouri Hopper Vineyard also in the Oakville Appellation.

**The Vintage:**

The 2012 growing season was possibly the very best in the last 10 or 12 years. This was due in large part to a very even, moderate growing season. We had only a handful of days of very hot weather, while most of the season was in the 70's and 80's, ideal temperatures for the gradual maturation of the fruit. There was also little autumn rain to complicate the harvest dates. Overall, a fantastic harvest - if only every year could be like 2012.

**Pairing:**

Meritage blends are some of the most complex and layered wine available. Try pairing it with grilled beef, braised short ribs, or even a mushroom pizza.

**Photograph:**

Milton Greene was sent by Look magazine to Los Angeles to photograph a budding actress. This stunning image of Marilyn, complete with evening dress and mink stole was one of six sittings they created at this first meeting.



# Meritage®

## 2012 NAPA VALLEY



UPC: 852600004014

Appellation: Napa Valley  
Sugar: 0.12 (dry)  
pH: 3.66  
Acid: 0.58g/100mL  
Alcohol: 14.5%  
Suggested Retail: \$50.00  
Winemaker: John McKay