

TASTING NOTES



B & W Wines

BOOTLEG RED BLEND, 2012

BACKGROUND

BOOTLEG WAS BORN FROM THE UNEXPECTED. OUR WINEMAKER BRIAN KOSI IS A GRADUATE OF UC DAVIS AND FORMER ASSISTANT WINEMAKER FOR NAPA'S FOUNDATIONAL FREEMARK ABBEY WINERY. ALTHOUGH HIS WINEMAKING ROOTS ARE FIRMLY IN THE TRADITIONAL, BRIAN HAS ALWAYS HAD A DEEP LOVE FOR EXPERIMENTAL RED BLENDS. HIS BEHIND-THE-SCENE PASSION PROJECTS ALLOW HIM TO EXPLORE THE ART OF BLENDING THE UNEXPECTED, AND THUS BOOTLEG WAS BORN.

IN CRAFTING THIS BOOTLEG RED BLEND, BRIAN'S INTENT WAS TO MAKE A BIG, LUSCIOUS RED BLEND WITH LOADS OF DARK FRUIT AND POWER. HE USED MERLOT FROM NAPA'S STAGECOACH VINEYARD TO SERVE AS THE BASE DUE TO ITS UPFRONT RED FRUIT AND SOFT TANNINS THAT MAKE THIS WINE APPROACHABLE EARLY ON. THE OTHER VARIETALS ADD STRUCTURE, DEPTH AND RICHNESS WHICH BRING THIS BLEND FULL CIRCLE.

REVIEWS

90 POINTS, ROBERT M. PARKER JR. (ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE):

"AN INTRIGUING OFFERING FROM THE JACKSON FAMILY, THE 2012 PROPRIETARY RED THIS INNOVATIVE BLEND OF 36% MERLOT, 20% PETITE SIRAH, 21% CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND THE REST SYRAH AND ZINFANDEL IS OUTSTANDING. THE WINE COMES FROM MULTIPLE VINEYARDS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA IN NAPA VALLEY AND IS A REASONABLY GOOD-SIZED CUVÉE OF 5,000 CASES. THE WINE SHOWS PLENTY OF PEPPERY, MEATY, BLACKCURRANT FRUIT, SWEET CHERRIES, LOAMY SOIL UNDERTONES, PLENTY OF LICORICE AND SPICE BOX. THIS IS A VERY MEDITERRANEAN STYLED, DEEP, FLESHY RED WINE TO DRINK OVER THE NEXT 2-3 YEARS."



VINTAGE: 2012

WINERY: BOOTLEG

AVAILABILITY: AVAILABLE NOW IN VINTAGES

LCBO NUMBER: 462820

BOTTLE SIZE: 750 ML

COMPOSITION: MERLOT (36%), PETITE SYRAH (20%), CABERNET SAUVIGNON (21%) AND SHIRAZ / SYRAH