



The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon "Tradition" also has 10% Merlot and 5% Petite Sirah. It was aged for 15 months in a 75/25 mixture of American and French oak (30% new; the rest ranging from two- to four-years-old). It comes in at 13.4% alcohol. A nice value, this feels respectably full in the mouth for its level. It does thin a bit with extended aeration, but it is not exactly meant to be a Grand Cru. It is focused and persistent on the finish, tightening a bit with air and projecting waves of fine fruit flavor. Clean and fresh, it drinks very well and should make a great food wine. It can still improve with a bit of cellaring, but it may not stay at peak for all of its youthful life, so drink it young. It is the type of wine you begin to like more and more as you actually drink it rather than obsess over it. It is worth leaning up just now, but note that it may not stay there all that long. That is a hint. - Mark Squires, Robert Parker - March 2016

