



THE GRADE  
CELLARS

## THE GRADE 2012



Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley   Calistoga AVA
Proprietors:	Brenda Mixson & Tom Thornton
Winemaker:	Thomas Rivers Brown
Release Date:	March 2015
Release Price:	\$100 retail per 750ml
Vineyard:	Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown) Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA
Harvest Date:	Blocks 1 & 5: October 11, 2012
Vines:	Block 1 – Clone 7/Rootstock 110R Block 5 – Clone 337/Rootstock SO4
Cooperage:	100% French Oak from Treuil and Jarnac (30% new)
Aging:	21 months; Bottled June 19, 2014
Panel:	14.2% Alcohol; 3.94 pH; 5.7 g/L Titratable Acidity
Production:	375 cases

### Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

*2012 was a growing season that really allowed The Grade to showcase the best attributes of the Winfield Vineyard. The year was mild and balanced without any climatic events that force your hand when it comes to a pick decision. That ability for the fruit to fully mature on the vine and ripen evenly is well represented in this edition of The Grade. Sourced from opposite ends of the vineyard from clones 7 and 337, the fruit selected for this vintage represents the highest quality fruit and most diverse soil sections the Winfield Vineyard has to offer. Buoyant aromas of lavender, hibiscus tea and blackberries are present on the nose. The mouth feel of this wine displays a silky set of tannins that are layered with flavors of blackberry, flint, cassis, and fresh loam resonating throughout the palate. Like the vintage itself, this is a very nuanced, balanced wine that is enjoyable now.*

*“be local...enter ‘the grade’”*

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON



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