



## 2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON MOUNT VEEDER, NAPA VALLEY

High on the slopes of Mount Veeder, Mayacamas Vineyards has been a source of legendary California wine since 1889. Since the 1950's the vinification and élevage of Mayacamas remains remarkably consistent and our continued commitment to employ classical techniques and tools is integral to the character of these wines. The mountain terroir at Mayacamas ranges from 1,800 to 2,400 feet in elevation and the estate spans 475 acres, only 50 of which are dedicated to vine. The region's richly intense, age-worthy wines reflect the independent spirit of its mountain growers and vintners, borne of rugged conditions that demand craftsmanship at the highest level.

### TASTING NOTES & WINEMAKING

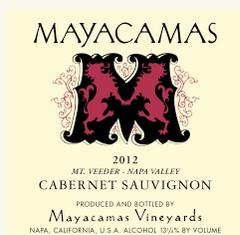
The 2012 Mayacamas Cabernet represents a proud collaboration between two generations of Mayacamas winemakers. Vinified by legendary Mayacamas winemaker Bob Travers, but aged and blended by Andy Erickson and his team, this beautiful wine embodies our shared spirit and showcases our continued commitment to tradition in our historic winery.

Bright, deep and supple, this wine offers juicy red currant and cherry. Savory herb notes of rosemary, star anise and lavender provide complexity, while a familiar nose of pencil lead hints at classic wines of the old world. A particularly silky Mayacamas Cabernet, this wine is quite accessible and delicious in its youth.

Our grapes are always harvested early to retain bright acidity and firm tannins. After fermentation in cement vessels built in the 1950's, the 2012 Cabernet aged 36 months in neutral oak - 18 months in large format foudre and 18 months in barrique. After bottling, the wine was cellared for 12 additional months before release.

### VINEYARDS & TERROIR

The 2012 growing season and harvest were ideal at Mayacamas. Moderate spring temperatures and dry weather resulted in a consistent flowering and even fruit set. Warm summer days and cool foggy nights provided the perfect balance for ripeness. In 2012, a slight heat spike during the first week of September prompted the start of harvest on September 10th and lasted for roughly 2 weeks. Grapes for the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon were harvested exclusively from high-elevation sites located on Mount Veeder, some more than 40+ years old. Mount Veeder is a one-of-a-kind appellation with a cooler mountain climate and the lowest yields in Napa Valley. Soils range from poor volcanic deposits to ancient seabeds; the grapes produced here retain high acidity and a clean, mineral character. The mountain terroir at Mayacamas ranges from 1,800 to 2,400 feet in elevation, with most blocks oriented West or South to ensure ideal ripening.



VARIETAL 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION Mount Veeder

ALCOHOL 13 ¼%