



## 2012 Silenus Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon – Napa Valley



### ***Vineyard Notes:***

Year in and year out the very best Cabernet Sauvignon comes from the “Clone 337” block of our estate vineyard surrounding the winery. We used to believe Clone 337 was just a superior Cabernet clone for our terroir but have come to believe it is actually because of the vineyards’ proximity to Dry Creek. The block is planted on an ancient riverbed so the soils are more gravelly and well drained, which results in very deep, rich fruit flavors. This theory was recently bolstered when we dug into the soil for irrigation lines and had to dig through all the small rocks. The entire vineyard is fabulous, but we like to show off this particular block by bottling a portion separately as our Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon.

### ***Tasting Notes:***

Jumps out of the glass with berries, plums, rose petals and chocolate with a touch of brown sugar and cinnamon. Rich, dense and intense on the palate with bright acid, a very brash wine. The mouth is loaded with currants, dark cherry, ripe plum mixed with dark chocolate. A nice, long finish with red fruit and oak persists. Pair with red meats or enjoy with light cheese to really savor the flavors of the wine.

### ***Blend:***

96% Cabernet Sauvignon: Estate Vineyard, Oak Knoll District  
4% Cabernet Franc: Estate Vineyard, Oak Knoll District

### ***Specs:***

Harvest dates: October 22, 2012  
Bottling date: July 29, 2014  
Cases produced: 253  
Bottle size: 750 mL  
Titratable Acidity: 5.7 g/L  
pH: 3.71  
Alcohol: 14.8%  
Winemaker: Bradley Smith

Double Gold Medal – 2015 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition