



2012 SANGIOVESE

Eduardo Seghesio first worked with Sangiovese in the late 1800s during his tenure as winemaker at Italian Swiss Colony. In 1910, he planted a Chianti field blend surrounding the railroad station in what was then Chianti, Calif. Those Sangiovese plantings on our Home Ranch are the oldest in America and provided the rich source of four unique clones for our subsequent plantings of the varietal. Although Sangiovese typically grows vigorously, the low-yielding, shallow soils of our Home Ranch, combined with our small-berried clones, produce wines of intense varietal character.



VINEYARDS

Estate Home Ranch and Rattlesnake Hill in Alexander Valley

VINTAGE

2012 brought a long and moderate growing season without any major weather incidents on the heels of two very cool vintages.

VINEYARD REGIME

Aggressive hand canopy management was maintained. Fruit was removed from weak shoots, and subsequent leafing passes were performed to provide for an optimum light environment of approximately 25% filtered light inside the canopy. Green and veraison passes were done to promote uniformity of fruit and ensure even ripening.

FERMENTATION REGIME

The grapes were sorted as whole clusters and gently de-stemmed on our sorting table. Whole berries were then sorted by hand to remove green material and bits of stems. The grapes were then crushed and fermented in small (6 ton) open-top, stainless steel tanks and punched down by hand. Maceration time varied from 8 to 12 days.

FOOD AFFINITIES

Red or mushroom-based sauces, pasta, roast lamb, hard cheeses

TASTING NOTES

Concentrated red fruit of raspberries and cherries with notes of anise

Cool entry with nice acidity leads to rich mid-palate

Lingering finish intermingles fruit and Sangiovese's dusty tannins

Nice typicity captures the essence of Sangiovese

HAND-HARVESTED

Sept. 27–28, 2012

AVERAGE BRIX AT HARVEST

25.9°

BARREL REGIME

Barrel aged for 15 months in 100% French oak (20% new)

CASE PRODUCTION

1960 cases

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Sangiovese

ALCOHOL

14.8%

RELEASE DATE

February 2015

SRP

\$30

