



2012 Dark & Brooding  
Sonoma County Red Wine  
82% Cabernet Sauvignon & 18% Syrah

~ WINEMAKER'S RELEASE NOTES ~

Kerry, Daisy, and Drew Damskey create PALMERI wines with a singular focus on hillside fruit grown above 1,000 ft. elevation in the Napa, Alexander, and Dry Creek Valleys. The name PALMERI comes from *Quercus palmeri*, a small and scrappy oak that grows in the mountain ranges that we gravitate to when selecting ultra-premium grape growing land. Our labels feature the boar, the bat, the fox, and the cougar, representing the diverse fauna that is found on our hillsides.

VINEYARD HIGHLIGHTS | SWEETWATER SADDLE & VAN NESS VINEYARD

Julie Simpson farms Sweetwater Saddle in the southern tip of Dry Creek Valley. The vineyard is south facing and comprised of Franciscan soils. Denny Van Ness farms Van Ness Vineyard. Planted in 1999 with experimental clones from France and Australia, this vineyard is south facing and comprised of fractured shale soils.

CELLAR NOTES

2012 was an outstanding growing season; where both Van Ness Vineyard and Sweetwater Saddle Vineyard produced vibrant and beautiful fruit. After primary fermentation, malolactic fermentation occurred while in barrel. Aged in equal parts Baron, Nadine, and Atelier oak barrels (45% new, 5% dark char). Bottled unfinned and cellared until release.

TASTING NOTES

The 2012 Palmeri Dark & Brooding is inky garnet in color with striking notes of blackberry, plum, crème de cassis, fresh cut cedar, roasting coffee and violets. The mouth is dense - dominated by chewy black fruit, wet pea gravel like minerality and sweet well integrated tannins that hold your attention through a long delightful finish.



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