



## 2012 DYER Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

*Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley*

**Site Description:** Dyer Vineyard is a 2.3 acre vineyard situated on a bench, mid-slope on Diamond Mountain. The exposition is north facing and the slope is 7-10%. The site is probably an ancient land slide- rocky with fine volcanic soil and gravel ranging from ash to richer red soils. The site was planted to vines in 1993 by Bill and Dawnine Dyer.

**Winemaking Philosophy:** We favor a restrained, balanced style of winemaking that cultivates the unique characteristics of our vineyard. Over 22 years we have refined the varietal selection in our vineyard to Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Diamond Mountain is famous for wines of great longevity, minerality, and huge tannins. All our efforts in both the vineyard and the winery are focused on optimizing the development of ripe tannins in the grapes and supple tannins in the wine. To this end we employ cold soak prior to fermentation, mixed yeast fermentations, and a combination of pump overs and punch-downs during fermentation. When possible, the 3 varieties are harvested on the same day and co-fermented. Dyer Cabernet is aged in French oak for a total of 20 months. No press wine is used in the blend.

**Vintage Notes:** 12" of rain in March following a dry winter set the stage. The remaining spring was warm, dry, and frost free, leading to an even fruit set, with all the clusters on the same ripening curve. The summer was warm and mild, with temperatures in the 80's and 90's. A long growing season concluded with harvest on October 8.

**Tasting Notes:** Aromas of black cherry and plum are laced thru with notes of graphite, cedar, incense, tobacco and herbs. Flavors are classic Cabernet; complex and well integrated with a bright, energetic structure. Tannins are firm and supple.

**Blend:** 76% Cabernet Sauvignon  
19% Cabernet Franc  
5% Petit Verdot

**Alcohol:** 14.1%  
**pH:** 3.8  
**TA:** 5.9 g/l

**Winemakers:** Bill & Dawnine Dyer  
252 cases produced



