



HILL FAMILY
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2012 “Beau Terre Vineyard” Merlot

Production: 896 cases

Composition: 91% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon & 3% Malbec

Vineyards: Beau Terre, Dunlop, Appallas, Baker & Bardessono

Appellations: Oak Knoll, Atlas Peak, Carneros & Yountville

Elevations: Valley floor - 1200 ft.

Cooperage: 33% new Oak (75% French Stavin, 25% Trust Hungarian)

Alcohol: 14.8%, TA 0.58, pH 3.74

Bottling date: April 8, 2014

Release date: Fall 2014

Release price: \$40.00

The Beau Terre, Baker, and Dunlop vineyards are centerpieces for Doug Hill’s accumulated viticultural knowledge. From the row-spacing and trellising to the row-direction and clones selected, everything has been carefully thought out to give Merlot its best expression. Both the Rausetto clone with its great color and sophisticated tannin structure and the 181 clone with its plushy fruit were selected for this Merlot. Only 6% Cabernet Sauvignon was needed to add a little muscle, and 3% Malbec was added for color and density.

Winemaker Alison Doran’s tasting Notes:

The bouquet is filled with blackberry and boysenberry fruit, with hints of vanilla and red licorice. This Merlot has dense, sweet, red currant and boysenberry fruit, with just a little tannin in the center for support. Youthful exuberance is the attitude here, and the wine tastes great if you like your wines young and fruity. Elegance and harmony will begin taking place over the next 1-2 years.