

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

RUTHERFORD
NAPA VALLEY

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Dust to Dust

2012

BELLA OAKS VINEYARD

The Vineyard: The 18 acre Bella Oaks Vineyard was originally planted in 1973 by Barney and Belle Rhodes. This iconic and historic vineyard located in the heart of Napa Valley's famed Rutherford Bench has produced some of the Valley's most revered Cabernet Sauvignons. The Rutherford Bench is comprised of complex volcanic and marine sedimentary soils from three alluvial fans. The extremely well drained rocky Bale loam found at Bella Oaks allows the vines roots to reach deep in to the ground in search of water creating lower natural yields, deeper complexity in the fruit and of course that signature "Rutherford Dust."

Winemaking: The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from Bella Oaks Vineyard are so unique and distinctively flavored our job in stewarding the grapes to wine is to capture that very essence with as gentle handling as possible. The grapes were hand picked in the early morning. We gently de-stemmed, sorted the fruit and gravity fed the whole berries in to ½ ton fermenters for cold soak and primary fermentation using only native yeasts. The grapes were punched down by hand three times a day for approximately three weeks after which the wine was pressed in to French Oak Barrels, 66% new, for malo-lactic fermentation and aging. The wine aged in barrel for 36 months, was racked and bottled unfiltered.

The Wine: The 2012 Dust to Dust, displays a saturated opaque purple color with intense aromatics of cassis, blackberry, spicy black cherry and deep plum fruit. The rich exuberant fruit is matched with touches of mocha, black olive tapanade, cedar, toast, savory spices and vanilla. Complex and full bodied in style with a plush texture that coats the palate in lavish fruit flavors and intriguing spices. Shows power, purity and focus with a deep, rich, sophisticated core. Dusty tannins provide structure on the lengthy finish while maintaining elegance and finesse to the end.
(150 Cases Produced)

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