

Paoletti Estates Winery

2012 Bella Rosa Calistoga, Napa Valley

Silver Medal Winner at 2014 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Vineyard:

The grapes are sourced from our estate vineyards on the Silverado Trail and on Tubbs Lane in Calistoga, Napa Valley. The Calistoga AVA is the 15th AVA to be approved within the greater Napa Valley appellation. Calistoga's qualifications as an outstanding winemaking area were established when winemaking began shortly after the town was founded in 1857. The AVA is located at the northern end of the Napa Valley at the foot of Mount St. Helena where it has been blessed with a unique micro-climate and deep volcanic soils perfectly suited to vineyards. The growing season is warm to hot, depending upon the time of year; summer temperatures peak to 90°F (32.2°C) and fall to low 50s°F (11°C), the result of marine air from the northwest producing cool afternoon and evening breezes. The soils are almost completely of volcanic origin, soils range from rocky, stony loam on the hillsides, to gravelly or cobbly loams on the alluvial fans, to heavier clay-silt soils in the valley center areas

Winemaking and Cellar Practices:

The grapes were hand-picked, in small lots, at the peak of ripeness, destemmed and gently pressed. The free run juice was then barrel fermented in neutral oak barrels. The barrels were stirred weekly and aged sur lie for nine months giving the wine its round, rich mouth feel and weight.

Characteristics:

The 2012 vintage was an ideal year producing balanced, ripe fruit of extraordinary color and flavor.

The 2012 Bella Rosa is 10% Grenache Noir and 90% Malbec. The Bella Rosa is a lovely Rose` wine perfect as an aperitif or as an accompaniment to a light meal. Serve with seafood, duck, and cheeses such as Camembert and Brie.

Harvest Date:	October 2012
Harvest Sugar:	24.5 Brix
Titrateable Acidity:	0.66 g/100ml
pH:	3.66
Alcohol:	14.9%
RS:	0.30 g/100ml
Oak age:	9 months
Bottling Date:	May 2013, 112 cases