

# PRIDE MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

## 2012 VINTNER SELECT MERLOT

The clone 3 merlot used in our Vintner Select is grown on a rolling hillside block that we call Lower Mountaintop due to its position just below the highest point on the estate. After harvest on October 18<sup>th</sup>, the wine was fermented, drained to French oak barrels (40% new) and aged for 18 months before racking and bottling, without fining or filtration, in July of 2014. The wine has been bottle-aged for an additional six months before release. This vintage displays lovely black fruit, dark chocolate and licorice, with an ultra-round mouthfeel that truly has no hard edges. This wine defines what merlot is all about up on top of Spring Mountain.



### PROFILE

Appellation:	Sonoma County
Vintage:	2012
Harvest:	October 2012
Fermentation:	Stainless Steel
Cooperage:	French Oak
Blend:	100% Merlot
Alcohol:	14.6%
Bottling:	July 2014
Production:	559 cases
Release Date:	January 2015
Retail Price:	\$80.00