



SAINT HELENA WINERY

2012 Sympa Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker Notes:	<i>By Aaron Pott & Elizabeth Tangney</i> Integrated aromas of fig, plum and cherry with notes of sweet pipe tobacco, clove and cedar prepare your palate for flavors of vibrant fruit framed by hints of vanilla and nutmeg. The wine has a seamless transition from a rich mid-palate with lush tannins to a lengthy finish with persistent flavors including a touch of toast. It has only started to open up and will benefit from aeration before drinking.
Varietal:	97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot
AVA:	St. Helena, Napa Valley
Vineyard:	Estate vineyard on Napa Valley floor on Pratt Avenue in the St. Helena AVA. Sympa is grown on the south parcel, "Block 1," on a ribbon of gravel that is an ancient river bed with deep, light soils that stress the vines into low fruit production. The vines are cane pruned and hand-tended to yield two clusters per shoot. The parcel yields two tons per acre. Cover crops are primarily legumes. Irrigation is light and determined by monitoring vine sap flow throughout the season. Our estate vineyard is managed by Elizabeth Tangney and our own small crew, with consulting from winemaker Aaron Pott and vineyard guru, Jim Barbour.
Winemaking:	Hand-picked fruit, double sorted to berry level Cold soak before fermentation, 5 days D254 yeast fermentation 14 days extended maceration Racked twice
Barrel Aging:	22 months in French Oak barrels: Bossuet, Darnajou, Orion
Alcohol:	14.5%
Bottling date:	September, 2014
