

BRAVANTE

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2012 Estate Grown Merlot

At Bravante Vineyards we have 2 blocks of Merlot, one at each end of our Stoneridge Vineyard, and they both add distinctive parts to our Estate Grown Merlot. At the northern end of the property is Block 1, which is classic Merlot - fruity, rich and complex. At the southern end is Block 5, which is all 'Howell Mountain' -- intense and structured. Blended together they produce a rich, and nuanced Merlot, which has concentration and loads of varietal Merlot character.

Bravante Vineyards 2012 Estate Merlot starts off with bright fruit of dark cherries and plums complexed by aromas of cedar, sage and hints of tobacco. This Merlot has intense flavors of cherries, berries and hints of herbs and oak with a rich body and excellent structure and balance

Viticulture

Appellation:

100% Estate Grown Howell Mountain

Varietal Content:

90% Merlot

10% Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaking:

Time in oak:

23 months

Bottling:

September 2014

Alcohol:

14.7%

Aging potential:

8 to 12 years

Cases produced:

253 cases produced

Release date:

Oct 1, 2017

Vineyard manager:

Peter Murphy

Winemaker:

Duane D. Dappen

Suggested Retail:

\$65

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Wine & Spirits

92 Points

