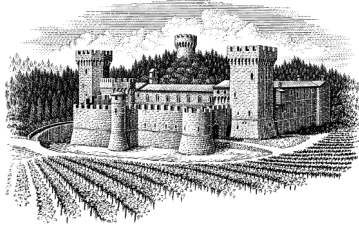


# Castello di Amorosa

NAPA VALLEY



## 2012 IL BARONE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**WINEMAKER NOTES:** IL BARONE IS A VERY FLAVORFUL, ELEGANT AND STRUCTURED RED WINE IN THE STYLE OF HIGH-QUALITY, VERY LIMITED-PRODUCTION, FINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON WINES FROM THE NAPA VALLEY. EXCELLENT LONG-TERM AGEING POTENTIAL.

**VINEYARD NOTES:** IL BARONE IS A BLEND OF THE CASTELLO'S TOP HIGH-END CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINEYARDS FROM THE BEST GROWING REGIONS OF NAPA VALLEY. THE MAJORITY OF THE FRUIT COMES FROM THE RUTHERFORD AVA, A REGION FAMED FOR PRODUCING BEAUTIFULLY STRUCTURED AND COMPLEX CABERNET SAUVIGNON.

**2012 GROWING SEASON:** "CLASSIC" AND "PERFECT" ARE JUST TWO ACCOLADES BEING BESTOWED UPON THE 2012 NAPA VALLEY GROWING SEASON AND HARVEST. TEXTBOOK CONDITIONS SAW NEAR-IDEAL SPRING BUD BREAK, STEADY FLOWERING, EVEN FRUIT SET, AND A LENGTHY STRETCH OF WARM DAYS AND COOL AND OFTEN FOGGY NIGHTS DURING THE LONG SUMMER MONTHS. LATE AND LIGHT RAINS HELD OFF UNTIL NAPA VALLEY'S TREASURED WINE GRAPES FOUND OPTIMAL RIPENESS, BRINGING EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY TO THE CRUSH PAD AND INTO THE CELLAR.—NAPA VALLEY VINTNERS

**TASTING NOTES:** THE FLAVOR PROFILE OF THE IL BARONE IS INTENSE IN CHARACTER. THE SUBTLETIES OF THIS VERY SPECIAL WINE ARE SLOWLY RELEASED AS LAYERS OF TEXTURE AND AROMAS. THE FRENCH BARREL AGING CONTRIBUTES THE VANILLA AND CINNAMON AROMATIC BACKGROUND, ALONG WITH PRONOUNCED TOASTED NOTES. THE DARK FRUIT OF THE IL BARONE IS EVOCATIVE OF BERRIES AND CURRANTS. FINE GRAINED TANNINS WITH A LONG FINISH. FULL BODIED, POLISHED, AND AGE-WORTHY.

**FOOD PAIRING:** PAIR WITH FOODS AS BOLD AS THE WINE, SUCH AS ROAST GAME MEATS, GRASS-FED STEAK, OR GRILLED PORTOBELLO MUSHROOMS WITH REDUCED BALSAMIC VINEGAR GLAZE.

#### ACCOLADES:

- ◆ 93 POINTS—ROBERT PARKER, THE WINE ADVOCATE
- ◆ 92 POINTS—ANTONIO GALLONI, VINOUS MEDIA
- ◆ 90 POINTS—JAMES SUCKLING
- ◆ DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL—2015 AMERICAN FINE WINE COMPETITION



**VARIETAL COMPOSITION:** 96% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 4% MERLOT

**APPELLATION:** NAPA VALLEY

**AGING:** 20 MONTHS IN 60-GAL NEVERS, ALLIERS, AND TRONCAIS FRENCH OAK BARRELS

**PRODUCTION:** 3436 CASES

**WINEMAKERS:** BROOKS PAINTER, DIRECTOR OF WINEMAKING  
PETER VELLENO, WINEMAKER

**HARVEST DATES:** OCT 12-21, 2012 **BOTTLING DATE:** JULY 8, 2014

**PH:** 3.74

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:** 6.0 G/L

**ALCOHOL:** 14.8%

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 0.2 G/L