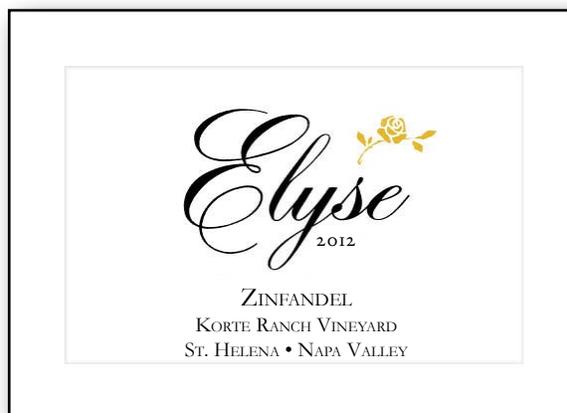


2012

ZINFANDEL

KORTE RANCH  
ST. HELENA • NAPA VALLEY



HARVEST DATES: 9/29, 10/2, 10/7  
GRAPE SOURCE: Korte Ranch and Chavez-Leeds Vineyards  
BLEND: 96% Zinfandel, 4% Petite Sirah  
HARVEST BRIX: 25.5°, 24.8° and 26.2°  
MACERATION: 15 day native yeast fermentation  
AGING: 10 ½ months in American Oak (22% new)  
pH: 4.05  
TA: 0.56 g/100ml  
ALCOHOL: 14.5%  
PRODUCTION: 1,165 cases 12 pack 750ml



Wine Spectator

92 pts

CELLAR SELECTION

90 pts

## TASTING NOTES:

Deep garnet colored with intriguing aromas of black plum, blackberry pie, caramel, cinnamon, galangal root, incense, clove and orange zest. Lavishly textured with generous flavors of sweet blackberry, blueberry, cassis and the slightest hint of cracked black pepper and spice. Smooth entry with a broad mouthfeel, rich fruit and well integrated tannins lead to a finish that is long and lingering.

Pair with beef stew, ribs or barbecue and know it doesn't mind some spice.

## THE VINEYARD:

Korte Ranch is located just north of the town of St. Helena along the Napa River on Ehlers Lane. It is truly one of the most distinctive and classic Zinfandel vineyards left in Napa Valley with the vines we source from being a minimum of 70 years old. It has been family owned for four generations and was a bonded winery before prohibition. The gnarly old head trained, dry farmed vines are planted where the eastern and western hillsides meet. This beautiful property is perfectly suited for high quality grape growing from the cool morning and nighttime temperatures to the loose soils of rocky loam which help make wine of unique and bold character.

"A meal with wine is dining - it's a conversation, an event. It's what wine is all about."

- Ray Coursen, Winemaker & Owner

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