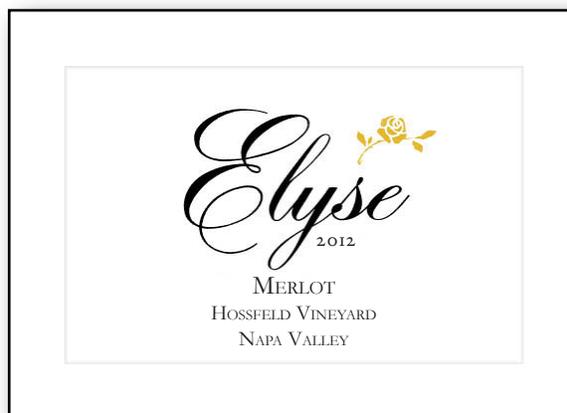


2012

MERLOT

HOSSFELD VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY



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| HARVEST DATES: | 10/4, 10/6 |
| GRAPE SOURCE: | Hossfeld and Morisoli Vineyards |
| BLEND: | 96% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon |
| HARVEST BRIX: | 25.6° |
| MACERATION: | 15 day native yeast fermentation |
| AGING: | 22 months in French oak (62% new) |
| pH: | 3.56 |
| TA: | 0.65 g/100ml |
| ALCOHOL: | 14.8% |
| PRODUCTION: | 290 cases (12-pack 750ml) |

93 pts
Cellar Selection



TASTING NOTES:

This is our premier release of Hossfeld Merlot and we are very excited to be working with this meticulously farmed vineyard. The wine is deep purple colored with intriguing aromas of anise, cherry, cinnamon, mushroom and earth. It is lavishly textured with deep, dense fruit flavors of cherries, cassis, wild berries and plums with underlying hints of herbs and baking spice. This wine is rich and intense on the palate with ripe tannins and a long finish. This Merlot thinks it's a Cab!

We recommend decanting and allowing to rest ahead of service if intending to drink within two years of the release date. You should otherwise feel comfortable cellaring this wine for 15 – 20 years.

THE VINEYARD:

Hossfeld vineyard is located in the eastern hills of Napa Valley, 1500 feet above the valley floor where steep terraces have been chiseled into the bedrock of Soda Canyon. Each hole had to be dynamited in order to plant and the vines produce low yield, high quality grapes from these stressed growing conditions. The heat from Soda Canyon radiates up the hillside and keeps the rocks warm into the early evening. The vineyard receives lots of morning sun and the afternoon breezes and southern exposure create remarkable grapes with intense color and beautiful red fruit flavors.

“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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