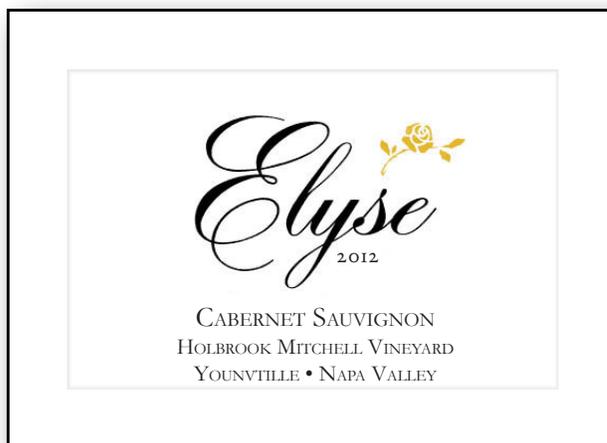


2012

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

HOLBROOK MITCHELL VINEYARD
YOUNTVILLE • NAPA VALLEY



HARVEST DATES: 10/13, 10/20
GRAPE SOURCE: Holbrook Mitchell Vineyard
BLEND: 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc
HARVEST BRIX: 25.3°, 25.5°, 26.8°
MACERATION: 15 day native yeast fermentation
AGING: 18 months in French and American oak (50% new)
pH: 3.70
TA: 0.63 g/100ml
ALCOHOL: 14.6%
PRODUCTION: 889 cases 12-pack 750ml



TASTING NOTES:

Mature Cabernet Sauvignon vines struggle in shallow soil in the Holbrook Mitchell Vineyard to produce a wine that is brilliantly crimson in color and boldly aromatic. A spice box of cocoa, mint, and cracked pepper mix with yeast, game, and mulberries on the nose while blackberries, currants, and cassis fill the palate. Sweet oak flavors subtly weave their way through the well-integrated tannins before culminating in a long, beautiful finish that persists with a little grip.

The 2012 vintage is a great accompaniment to Boer goat, beef tenderloin, and lamb shank.

This wine really shows off when decanted now, but will reward you with cellaring for another 10 – 12 years.

THE VINEYARD:

The Holbrook Mitchell Vineyard is situated in the western hills of Yountville, an AVA since 1999. This site has been continually farmed since 1878 as orchards, dairy, and finally vineyard. The mature vines struggle in shallow soil to yield low quantities of expressive grapes. The area offers a unique combination in Napa both with soil and climate. The soil is sedimentary in origin, gravelly alluvial earth with rock. Climatically, the cool marine currents from San Pablo Bay to the south are trapped when they reach what are known as the Yountville Mounts, keeping the air naturally cooler even on the warmest summer days and allowing the grapes plenty of time to develop distinct flavors and show off the local "terroir".

"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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