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Hourglass, Napa Valley: Current and Upcoming Releases

There is no single recipe for greatness when it comes to Napa wine, but starting with a great plot of land can take you a long way. The only problem is, a lot of people don't necessarily know a great plot of land when they see one. Sometimes these plots of land can be hidden in plain sight until the right person comes along to notice.



TASTING NOTES:

2013 Hourglass Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley

Palest gold in the glass, this wine smells of cut grass, green apple, and a bit of green melon. In the mouth, the wine has a wonderful balance between green apple and green melon flavors, and the hint of vanilla from a kiss of oak. Juicy acidity and excellent length. A tiny hint of bitterness and sweetness tussle in the finish. 14.2% alcohol. Score: between 9 and 9.5. Cost: \$40.

2012 Hourglass Blueline Merlot, Napa Valley

Dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of bright plum and cherry fruit with an undercurrent of oak and mint. In the mouth the wine has a wonderful bright freshness and fantastic acidity that makes for a lean and mineral quality to the plum and black cherry fruit. The taut, very fine grained tannins have a kind of canvas-in-the-wind snap of a cool breeze. Long finish. 14.8% alcohol. Score: between 9 and 9.5. Cost: \$75.

2012 Hourglass Blueline Cabernet Franc, Napa Valley

Dark garnet in color, this wine smells of hazelnuts and green-herb-tinged cherry. In the mouth plush tannins have a velvety feel and wrap gently around flavors of black plum and cherry and chocolate. Notes of dark chocolate linger in the finish along with a bitter cocoa powder note. 14.8% alcohol. Score: around 9. Cost: \$125.

2012 Hourglass Blueline Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of black cherry, green herbs, and a hint of dark earth. In the mouth, juicy black cherry and bright fresh cherry fruit are welded to very supple powdery tannins and a touch of wet loam. Juicy and fresh, but with a dark chocolate and cocoa powder finish. 14.8% alcohol. Score: between 9 and 9.5. Cost: \$125.

2012 Hourglass Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of black cherry and chocolate with hints of wet earth. In the mouth black cherry, cassis and a touch of oak blend beautifully with suede-like tannins. A smoky note emerges with some time in the glass. The finish is wonderfully earthy with cocoa powder and loam. 14.8% alcohol. Score: between 9 and 9.5. Cost: \$125.

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