

Winemakers Notes: 2012 Cabernet Franc Livermore Valley

**Description:** Cuda Ridge Wines is well known for the Cabernet Franc and 2012 Cabernet Franc is enticingly fragrant, and filled with sweet red raspberries, cedar, and vanilla. This wine has good tannin structure on the mid-palate and a nice acidity balance which provides a freshness on the finish. The mouth-feel is elegant and amazing. With the 2012 vintage, the goal of the winemaker was to make this a varietally correct tasting Cabernet Franc.

**Varietals:** 90% White Cat Vineyard Cabernet Franc

5% One Oak Vineyard Merlot2.5% Galles Cabernet Sauvignon

2.5% Malbec

<u>Vineyard Notes:</u> White Cat Vineyard is located in the Crane Ridge area located in Eastern side of Livermore off Greenville Road across from the Poppy Hill Golf Course. Crane Ridge is in the foothills with rolling hills which is sunny from morning until dusk and has moderate winds in the afternoon. White Cat Vineyard only has one acre of Cabernet Franc which is thinned to yield 3-4 ton per acre. This vineyard produces a lighter style of Cabernet Franc, which winemaker Larry Dino prefers, with red fruit, lightly floral, and spice. Cuda Ridge receives the full acre yield to produce this high quality Cabernet Franc.

**Awards:** 90 Points – Wine Enthusiast (March 2015 Wine Buyers Guide)

Silver Medal – 2015 SF Chronicle Wine Competition "Most Innovative Pairing" – 2014 Taste our Terroir

Cases Produced: 255

Barrel Treatment: Aged in French Oak, 33% New, 33% Once Used, 33% Neutral

**Vital Statistics:** 

Al 14.9% Alcohol by Volume

TA .63 pH 3.70

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