

2012 CABERNET FRANC
rutherford

Estate Reserve

PEJU
NAPA VALLEY

In 1983, Tony and Herta Peju bought thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of the Napa Valley. Since then, the Peju family has maintained a meticulous focus on the vineyard, which has grown to include a proactive approach to sustainability and environmental consciousness. That longstanding commitment and respect for the grapes can be tasted with each sip of these balanced and elegant wines. Still family-owned and operated with daughters Lisa and Ariana poised to take the helm, Peju Winery has become an integral piece of the Napa Valley landscape.

VINEYARD

Peju's Rutherford Estate is home to thirty acres of vines that stretch from Highway 29 to the Napa River. With an emphasis placed on green farming initiatives, our H.B. Vineyard has achieved California Certified Organic status and is planted primarily with Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. The wine produced here is a classic representation of Rutherford, a historic appellation known for wines of great depth, complexity, and longevity.

VINTAGE

Textbook bud break and flowering gave us high hopes for harvest, and Mother Nature did not disappoint. Summer temperatures remained in a precise range during the day, before dipping into the low 50s at night. This wide arc provided gentle, steady ripening and balanced sugar levels, and by evading late rains we finished with a bountiful harvest of undeniably excellent fruit.

TASTING

Our 2012 Rutherford Reserve Cabernet Franc is introduced by a beautifully elegant nose of violets, ripe berries and toasted vanilla with subtle hints of white pepper. As the wine opens up, it displays fragrant notes of lightly roasted hazelnuts, espresso and sweet tobacco. On the palate this wine delivers flavors of ripe cherry, rich blueberry, savory herbs and cocoa on the finish. Full-bodied and supple, this wine showcases a gorgeous mid-pallet with refined, silky tannins. Delightful now, this age worthy wine will continue to mature for the next decade.

APPELLATION
napa valley

COMPOSITION
*98% cabernet franc,
2% merlot*

COOPERAGE
*100% french oak,
85% new*

AGING
28 months

ALCOHOL
15.3%

TA
6.3 g/l

PH
3.61

HARVEST DATE
october, 2012

BOTTLING DATE
may, 2015

RELEASE DATE
september, 2015

CELLARING
enjoy now through 2023

PRODUCTION
513 cases