



## ARAUJO ESTATE WINES 2012 EISELE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### GROWING SEASON

A dry winter turned into a wet spring, with over eleven inches of rain in March that filled the vineyard soils to field capacity. What ensued was an ‘ideal’ growing season, with even budbreak, beautiful weather at bloom, and fruit set that produced a bountiful crop. The full-sized clusters across the Eisele Vineyard completed veraison by mid-July, and flavor intensity developed steadily throughout the summer. Warm days and cool nights over the length of the growing season resulted in daily temperature swings of up to 50 degrees, and these variances allowed the tannins to ripen harmoniously, while sugar levels increased slowly through a cooler than average September.

Harvest of the Bordeaux varietals began on September 22nd, and three days of moderate heat at the start of October, set the stage for the final pick of Cabernet Sauvignon on the 16th. All clusters were hand-picked in prime condition during cool morning hours, resulting in one of the finest expressions of Eisele Vineyard terroir. 2012 will be remembered as an exceptional vintage.

The grapes were certified ‘Organic’ by California Certified Organic Farmers and ‘Biodynamic’ by Demeter.

### TASTING NOTES

Our winemaking team notes *“The 2012 vintage marks one of the smallest productions of Eisele Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, and was the first vintage to be completed in the cellar under the Pinault family stewardship, this wine reflects an uncompromising selection aimed at giving the purest expression possible of this unique terroir.*

*Shaped by ideal growing conditions, the distinctive personality of the Eisele Vineyard shows its class by way of precision, restraint and elegance. As a result, the 2012 vintage offers exceptional amplitude and depth. The opulent, layered palate is structured by extremely refined tannins and prolonged by characteristic minerality, the hallmarks of Cabernet from the Eisele Vineyard.”*

### GRAPE SOURCE

100% Cabernet Sauvignon  
Napa Valley

### PRODUCTION & TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 14.8%  
Release date: June 17, 2015

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