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2012 Broken Earth *Merlot*

MERLOT, as a variety, has taken some severe hits in recent years. Not only has it been ridiculed by Hollywood, it has been the victim of being poorly represented from a quality perspective by releases of some very poor wines. Merlot, made traditionally from great vineyards can be an absolute pleasure to experience. It is a variety that offers both finesse and presence. Some of the world's most famous wines are entirely, or at least predominantly, Merlot.

We have substantial plantings on our Estate vineyard in Paso Robles and they have been consistently delivering exceptional fruit. Fortunately for us, the largest producing block also provides the highest quality . . . a winemaker's dream.

Ripe berry fruit with a hint of tobacco leaf and 'cigar-box' notes. The palate is rich and the finish is quite firm but balancing. There are underlying characters of dark cherry with some green coffee bean, emulating the great Bordeaux wines of the Right Bank. This wine will look more intense than most Californian Merlots with structure of a more 'international' style. A fabulous food wine.

Awards

- GOLD - Denver International Wine Competition
- GOLD - Indy International Wine Competition
- SILVER - San Francisco International Wine Competition
- SILVER - Central Coast Wine Competition
- SILVER - Finger Lakes International Wine Competition
- SILVER - IWSC

TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol 14.3%
 pH 3.71
 R/S 7.70 g/L
 TA 6.00 g/L

Harvest Date..... October, 2012
 Bottling Date..... July, 2015

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