

# BRAVANTE

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## N a p a V a l l e y

### 2012 Estate Grown Merlot

At Bravante Vineyards we have 2 blocks of Merlot, one at each end of our Stoneridge Vineyard, and they both add distinctive parts to our Estate Grown Merlot. At the northern end of the property is Block 1, which is classic Merlot - fruity, rich and complex. At the southern end is Block 5, which is all 'Howell Mountain' -- intense and structured. Blended together they produce a rich, and nuanced Merlot, which has concentration and loads of varietal Merlot character.

Bravante Vineyards 2012 Estate Merlot starts off with bright fruit of dark cherries and plums complexed by aromas of cedar, sage and hints of tobacco. This Merlot has intense flavors of cherries, berries and hints of herbs and oak with a rich body and excellent structure and balance

#### Viticulture

Appellation:	100% Estate Grown Howell Mountain
Varietal Content:	90% Merlot 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### Winemaking:

Time in oak:	23 months
Bottling:	September 2014
Alcohol:	14.7%
Aging potential:	8 to 12 years
Cases produced:	253 cases produced
Release date:	Oct 1, 2017
Vineyard manager:	Peter Murphy
Winemaker:	Duane D. Dappen
Suggested Retail:	\$65