

# CUDA RIDGE *Wines*

**Winemakers Notes:     2012 Cabernet Sauvignon  
                                 Livermore Valley**

**Description:** With this release, the Bordeaux style Cabernet Sauvignon has been moved to a 30+ month barrel aging program. The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon is aged in mostly (83%) new French Oak. This wine is bold and intense with tantalizing aromas of cherry, tobacco, cedar, leather. Fruit carries through on the palate with pomegranate, vanilla, and pepper. Sturdy yet supple tannins are driven by fabulous acidity, engaging every part of your mouth.

**Varietals:**     88% Galles Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley  
                         5% One Oak Vineyard Merlot  
                         5% Smith Ranch Vineyard Petit Verdot, Livermore Valley  
                         2% White Cat Vineyard Cabernet Franc, Livermore Valley

**Vineyard:** Galles vineyard is just North/East of Greenville and Tesla intersection. The Galles vineyard is meticulously managed by the Galles family and pruned to a target yield of no more than 3 ton per acre. The Galles vineyard is located on a rolling hill, the fruit on the higher elevations ripen sooner than the valley floor. The fruit is usually picked on 2 or 3 dates to get the perfect flavors and chemistry (ph, TA, and Brix). The location gets high winds in the afternoon thus having a significant cooling of the grapes in late afternoon which help produce the complexity and finesse of this Bordeaux style Cabernet.

**Awards:** SILVER Medal – 2016 SF Chronicle Wine Competition  
                 SILVER Medal – 2016 Sunset International Wine Competition

**Cases Produced:** 147

**Bottle Date:** May 15, 2015

**Barrel Treatment:** 31 months in French oak, 83% New French Oak

**Vital Statistics:**

TA     .58 g/100ml  
pH:     3.8  
Al     14.6 % Alcohol by Volume

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