

**JOSEPH PHELPS**  
*Cabernet Sauvignon 2012*

**\$106.94\***

\* Suggested retail price

	Product code	6363
	Format	12x750ml
	Listing type	SLGA
	Country	United States
	Regulated designation	American Viticultural Areas (AVA)
	Region	California
	Subregion	Napa, Napa Valley
	Varietal(s)	Cabernet Sauvignon 85%
	Varietal(s)	Merlot 13%
	Varietal(s)	Petit Verdot 2%
	Color	Red
	Closure type	Cork

**ABOUT THIS WINERY**

Enamored with the beautiful Napa Valley and contemplating a career change, in 1973 Joseph Phelps bought the 600-acre Connolly cattle ranch in Spring Valley, and began planting vineyards. The winery was completed in 1974 and that same year the first Syrah was made, the first grapes were crushed at the new facility and the first Insignia was produced. Nearly four decades later, Insignia is recognized as one of the world's great wines.

**TASTING NOTES**

The 2012 vintage marks the fortieth Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon release from Joseph Phelps Vineyards. This latest bottling highlights beautiful aromatics of dark fruit, cigar box, dried herbs, graphite notes and pain grillé. Expressive Bing cherry, licorice, blueberry and blackberry layer this silky smooth wine of great depth and personality. Richly nuanced with supple tannins and a lingering velvety finish.

**VITICULTURAL NOTES**

The 2012 growing season proved to be excellent from start to finish in Napa Valley. It was a warmer year than the prior three, lining up more closely with the 2008 growing season's temperatures. Bud break occurred during the first two weeks of April and both bloom and veraison took place earlier than 2010 and 2011. August, September and October offered perfect ripening weather for superior fruit with exceptional quality.

**WINEMAKING NOTES**

Grapes were picked at sunrise, sorted and cold soaked prior to fermentation in stainless steel. The wine was aged for eighteen months in 40% new oak barrels (50% French, 50% American) and 60% two-year-old French and American oak barrels before bottling in June, 2014. The barrel coopers used included Ermitage, François Frères, Demptos (American), Nadalié (French and American), Canton (American) and Barrel Associates (American).



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