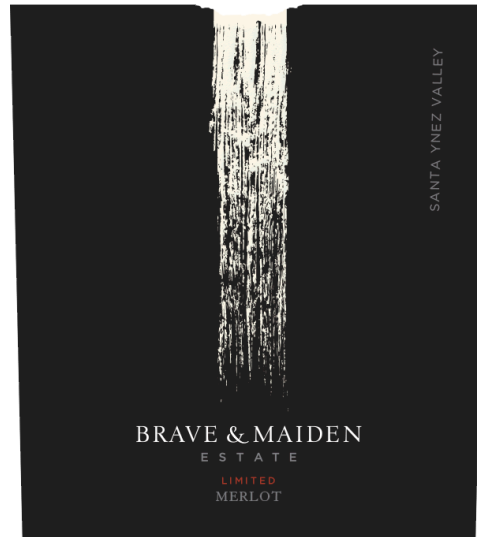


BRAVE & MAIDEN

ESTATE

2012 Limited Merlot

An inky, dark ruby in the glass bringing aromas of smoke, forest floor and grilled stone fruit. Deep and velvety texture, harnessed by an earthy mineral, chocolate and red berry expression.



VITICULTURE

<i>AVA</i>	Santa Ynez Valley
<i>Year Planted</i>	1996 - 1998
<i>Rootstock</i>	420A
<i>Clone(s)</i>	181
<i>Harvest Date</i>	1-6 November
<i>Vintage Notes</i>	The 2012 season was a long sunny year, with normal rainfall amounts during the winter months and mild wind during bloom-time. Warm temperatures starting in mid-July and continuing through early October helped ripen the robust crop.

WINEMAKING

<i>Blend</i>	85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc
<i>Description</i>	Destemmed, hand-sorted whole berries to 2-4 ton fermenters, fermented for 14 days and extended maceration for 3 weeks. Barrel down to 80% French oak, 20% American Oak, 30% new. Aged for 22 month in barrel, bottle straight from barrel, unfiltered.
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.8%
<i>pH</i>	3.84
<i>Total Acid</i>	6.02 g/L
<i>Residual Sugar</i>	none
<i>Bottle Date</i>	6 November 2014

RELEASE

<i>Cases Produced</i>	47 from two barrels
<i>Release Date</i>	Autumn 2015
<i>SRP</i>	\$65

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