

## Sailor's Grave 2012 Red Wine

## **Technical Analysis:**

Varietal Cabernet Sauvignon (90%) Stag's Leap District

Zinfandel (10%) Oakville

Appellation Napa Valley Alcohol 14.5%

Aging 20 months in French oak

## **Winemaker Tasting Notes:**

From first glance, the 2012 Sailor's Grave hums with deep and seductive color - inky, dark purple with a subtle ruby tint. The aromas are beguiling from the first inhale - pipe smoke and black cherry, saddle leather and a subtle bass note of richly roasted coffee. In the mouth, the wine reveals its density and weight - layers on layers of juice-dripping blackberries, dark chocolate, syrupy espresso, and a gentle hint of vanilla, all entwined around a core of pure, ripe fruit. The tannins are mouth-filling and substantial - this wine will continue to age and improve for 15 years - but with a finesse that makes this wine something special even it its youth.

Showcase this crowd-pleaser next to filet mignon au poive, served with buttered mashed potatoes and pan roasted asparagus. To bring out its best side now, decant this wine before drinking, and cellar properly to see how this wine evolves over the next decade and a half.