



# SAINTSBURY



## 2012 CERISE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

### VINEYARD

Cerise is a celebrated vineyard planted on the steep southwest facing hillside slopes just north of the town of Boonville in the Anderson Valley AVA. Saintsbury's relationship with the site began in 2005 and became part of our single-vineyard collection. We enjoy 4.3 acres from this spectacular 37 acre-vineyard.

Appellation: Anderson Valley AVA

Clones: Dijon 115

*Terroir:* A self limiting hillside vineyard that sits between 700 and 1100ft above the Valley floor. Shallow gravely loam soils provide excellent drainage.

### VINTAGE 2012

An ideal season—no frost, a mild spring and a tranquil fall resulting in very high quality fruit.

Harvest Date: October 5<sup>th</sup>

### WINEMAKING

After night harvesting , the fruit from the Cerise Vineyard travels to Saintsbury . From there, each block remains separate and receives gentle handling starting on the sorting table and to the open top fermenters for 5 day cold soak, 11 day total cuvaision.

Aging: 10 months in 32% new French oak barrels (François Frères and Taransaud)

Alcohol: 14.5%

Case Production: 261

### TASTING NOTES

Expressive nose of briar, dark cherry, and intoxicating spice. The palate shows layers of dark berry and cassis with notes of chanterelles, cigar, forest floor and bergamot. Silky palate with excellent depth and tension.

Pairings: Rabbit , Lamb and Select Cheeses.

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