



2012 BARBERA

Comparable varietal: French Merlot

Carefully bridging the gap between Old World and New, Barbera was the first red grape we planted. It can ripen quite late and careful cultivation and cropping is a must. It might also be the ultimate food-pairing wine. With its vibrant and clean focus our Barbera has bright raspberry, pomegranate and round plum fruit front and center, with sage and a hint of violet in the spicy and clean pepper and mineral tingle finish. It features low oak and modest weight to allow the fruit to speak for itself in the Old World style. Estate grown at 1,400 feet.

Recommended pairings: buttery pasta, pork dishes, tomato based dishes, eggplant, cheese-enriched risotto

The 2012 vintage is considered one of the most perfect vintages a winemaker might ever hope to see. Just enough rain fell over the winter, the Spring saw little frost, fruit set was strong and the steady ripening warmth in Lake County was perfect and consistent. Even harvest took place under ideal moderate conditions. After a cold and wet 2011, 2012 was a gift.

Label Image

This famous quadriga coin was found in Syracuse, Sicily, dating back to 465 BC. It was a favorite of the Romans who continued minting them in endless variations for another four centuries throughout the republic, spreading much as Barbera has throughout Italy. Interestingly, this particular coin shows Nike crowning the horses in their obvious victory, while the Romans with their differing sentiments preferred her crowning the charioteer and focusing on human courage, much as California Barbera has stylistically separated from its homeland and found a new form, which may be ethically questionable.



\$24 Retail

Kelsey Bench – Lake County

95% Barbera

5% Refosco

Estate Bottled

414 cases made

13.8% ABV

Harvested late-October

2-4 year old barrels used

Hand bottled 9-15-2013

Unfined, unfiltered

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