



## 2012 NEBBIOLO

### Comparable varietal: Pinot Noir

Nebbiolo is the trickiest of grapes, both in the vineyard and in the winery. With this vintage we decided to focus on the lighter and prettier side of the equation. Bright red fruits ranging from strawberry to crushed raspberry and cranberry provide the foundation, but the nose is an explosive potpourri of tulips, lavender, rose petals and cinnamon. The tannin has been tamed and Nebbiolo's famous searing acid is in remission due to the warm year and lengthy harvest season. Enjoy just as you would a Russian River Pinot Noir.

Recommended pairings: sautéed duck, roasted salmon, mushrooms, simple pork or pasta preparations

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 brought 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

Matching the playful and light-hearted theme of our Nebbiolo, this stylized interpretation of Hercules battling the hydra - his second of twelve labors - is striking in that the hydra bears a close resemblance to Nebbiolo vines. Managing Nebbiolo vines is similar to fighting a hydra with its monstrous canes and supernatural growth.



### \$24 Retail

90% Nebbiolo  
(Yolo County)

10% Sangiovese  
(Amador County)

240 cases made

13.8% ABV

Harvested mid-October

2-5 year old Hungarian barrels

Hand bottled 11-10-2013

Unfined, unfiltered

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