



2012 AGLIANICO

Comparable varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon

Known as the Cabernet of Basilicata in Southern Italy, Aglianico bridges the gap between Old and New World wine with Lake County closely matching its home terroir. Savory red cherry and deep black fruit backed by dark spice, firm tannin and acid, with minerality and classic undertones of graphite, iron, mint, herb and earth. Rustic yet refined, totally varietally correct, and very food friendly with a robust meal that can match it. Potential aging 10+ years, improving all the while.

Recommended pairings: roasted meats and game, lamb ragu, Sausages, proper Neapolitan pizza

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 held 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

Hercules was a surprisingly complex character, much like Aglianico. He appears brutish and backward on one hand, yet is loyal, caring and devoted on the other. For all of his ego and pride he sought virtue and atonement for his errors, even those not his fault. This image from 475 BC shows Hercules as slight, thin, and a little weary. He is wearing the Nemean lion skin from the first of his twelve labors and he willingly accepts the help and council of the more powerful Athena. He struggles with his own identity in the same way that Aglianico does, needing time to grow and reflect before finding wisdom.



\$28 Retail

90% Aglianico
(Kelsey Bench – Lake County)

10% Cabernet Franc
(Yolo County)

170 cases made

13.5% ABV

Harvested late October

1-5 year old barrels used

Hand bottled 10-29-2013

Unfined, unfiltered

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