



2012 Amore

Atlas Peak, Napa Valley, California



PRODUCER PROFILE

Winemaker: Sam Baxter

Estate founded: 1996

Region: California, USA



COMPOSITION

Sangiovese 93%

Syrah 4%

Cabernet Sauvignon 3%

VINEYARDS

Napa Valley is home to diverse microclimates and soils. It is surrounded by mountains on both sides — the Mayacamas Mountains to the west and the Vaca Mountains to the east. The Napa River runs north-south through the valley. Soils vary according to how close to the river a vineyard is or how far into the hills or mountains it is, among other factors. The climate in Napa Valley is generally warm and dry, but a dominant feature of the region is the combination of cool winds and fog that sweeps up the valley from the San Pablo Bay in the south. Summer weather in the southern part of the valley, can be distinctly cooler than that of the north end of the valley.

WINEMAKING

5 days cold soak, 16 day maceration.

AGING

16 months 100% French Oak, 25% new.

CASES PRODUCED

740 cases produced, bottled on August 15th, 2013.

TASTING NOTES

Black cherry, strawberry jam and candied blueberry fruits dominate the nose layered with vanilla, baking spices, and cocoa powder. Bright and juicy on the palate, the smooth and rich fruit tannins coat the palate rounding out with a nice note of caramel on the finish.

FOOD PAIRING

Beef and venison.

Technical data

Alcohol: 14,9%