



HIGHWAY 12

VINEYARDS AND WINERY

MERLOT

2016

VINTAGE

2016

VARIETAL:

85% Merlot
15% Petite Sirah

APPELLATION:

Sonoma County

BARREL AGING:

16 months

ALCOHOL:

13.9%

PH LEVEL:

3.68

TITRATABLE ACIDITY:

5.69 g/L

STEWARDS OF THE WINE HIGHWAY:

For anyone who has visited Sonoma's Wine country, they will know that Highway 12 is considered the "Wine Highway" spanning from Sebastopol in the Russian River Valley to the west, then rolling East through Sonoma Valley, Carneros, Napa Valley, California's Delta Region and ending just past Lodi at the San Andreas Fault. We at Highway 12 Winery dedicate ourselves as stewards of the rich tradition and quality of these growing regions along Highway 12 by producing high quality, value driven wines that can be enjoyed by all.

THE HEART OF SONOMA VALLEY

We Source our fruit from the Serres Vineyard located in Sonoma Valley. This vineyard is in an area called the "Banana Belt" due to it's warm climate and warm soils heated up by Boyes Hot Springs located nearby. These are the ultimate conditions for the growth of Bordeaux Varietals and produces wines that are rich and bold with lush smooth tannins.

TASTING NOTES:

Fleshy rich plum and blueberry pie notes are tethered to a toasty spiced vanilla (a result of 16 months on French oak) creating a sturdy balance of fruit and oak. Hints of bittersweet chocolate, cedar and minerality round out the mid-palate and leads you to a velvety lingering finish.

