

2012 LES PAVOTS ESTATE CABERNET BLEND
VINEYARD AND WINEMAKER NOTES



*M*ountain
vineyards,
classical
winemaking,
limited
production”

LES PAVOTS VINEYARD

*Peter Michael Estate
High above Knights Valley*

Planted: 1989-1999
Cabernet Sauvignon: 33 acres
Cabernet Franc: 6 acres
Merlot: 5 acres
Petit Verdot: 2 acres

Elevation: 1,000 – 1,400 feet
Soil: Rocky volcanic-origin
Rhyolite
Exposure: Southerly



PETER MICHAEL
WINERY

2012
LES PAVOTS

Single Vineyard
Estate Cabernet Blend



VINTAGE
NOTES

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inter and spring were wet and cold, slightly delaying bud break, flowering and fruit set. The bloom occurred in ideal weather.

The climate throughout the summer was picture perfect:

temperate with only moderate heat spikes. A long Indian summer of mild temperatures and sunny days was an important factor in the ripening process. Yields for the 2012 harvest were slightly higher than average for all varietals. The vintage gave us beautiful, clean, healthy grape clusters across all varietals, appellations and vineyards.

WINEGROWING
NOTES

Grown on the slopes of Mount St. Helena in Knights Valley, the distinctive aromas and flavors of our proprietary blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot clearly display their hillside origins. Rocky, rhyolitic soils created through volcanic activity millennia ago, contribute a mineral richness and add to the wine's complexity. Spanning 49 acres, Les Pavots ascends to an elevation of nearly 1,400 feet. Merlot and Cabernet Franc grow on the cool upper slopes and Cabernet Sauvignon grows just below.

WINEMAKER'S
TASTING
NOTES

Deep dark color with saturated ruby color and vermillion nuance, 2012 Les Pavots reveals a deep bouquet of Cacao powder, fudge cookies, black cherry, blueberry and blackberry, licorice, with nuances of cedar, cigar box, black tea, graphite, vanilla, a stylish 'garrigue' touch and black truffle. Extremely full-bodied, the wine offers the same rich, ripe fruit impressions on the palate. The mouth feel is dense and round, with elegant tannins, which lead to a long finish. Complex, the 2012 Les Pavots will age gracefully for two decades and provides a classic presentation of our estate's terroir.

WINE
INFORMATION

Harvested: October 13 – October 21, 2012

Blend: 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc, 11% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

Aged 18 months in 100% French oak barrels from artisan coopers

Bottled unfinned and unfiltered May 19, 2014

Alcohol: 15.8%

Release: April 1, 2015