

SANTO STEFANO

Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Santo Stefano is a tribute to Santo Cambianica and Stefano Riboli, two pioneers of the California wine industry. In 1917, Santo arrived from Italy and founded San Antonio Winery, Saint Anthony's Winery. His nephew Stefano joined him in 1938. Together, they began a tradition of family winemaking that spans four generations and continues today.

In 1986, Stefano and Maddalena Riboli began farming a small, 16-acre vineyard in the heart of Napa Valley's Rutherford appellation. Located along the Silverado Trail, the site was chosen for its rich, clay-loam soils and gentle slope. A temperate climate of warm days and cool nights provides the long growing season necessary for full maturation of flavors and aromas. In 2001, a comprehensive replanting focused on new French clones of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. The vineyard is ideal for the production of structured, full-bodied wines. Neighbors include Caymus, ZD, and Beckstoffer.

Santo Stefano Cabernet Sauvignon is a mouth-filling wine with smooth texture and soft tannins. Enticing aromas of vanilla and spice are followed by ripe flavors of blackberry, currant, and black cherry. The finish shows hints of bittersweet chocolate. Within each handcrafted bottle, we celebrate the achievements of our family and all the pioneers of the California wine industry.

Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage: 2012

96% Cabernet Sauvignon: Riboli Family Vineyard

- Harvest Date: October 2012
- Harvest Sugar: 24.6 Brix
- Clones: 337, 17, 29, 7, 6

4% Petit Verdot: Riboli Family Vineyard

- Harvest Date: October 2012
- Harvest Sugar: 25.2 Brix
- Clone: 400

Barrel Aging: 12 months

New Oak: 60% French and American

Cooperage: Saint Martin, Vicard, World Cooperage, Radoux

Forests: Center of France, Missouri, Minnesota, Appalachian

pH: 3.71

Alcohol: 14.5%

TA: 0.65 g/100 mL

