

## **Rothwell Hyde – 192 words**

It goes without saying that 2012 is a highly regarded vintage. Some say one of the best, but we have a hard time giving out medals this early. Suffice to say, it presented the potential to make classic wines of individual character.

In our four estate vineyards, we extensively thinned the large crops Mother Nature gave us. Several passes were made to fine tune; to concentrate and intensify flavors. Harvest began in September, and it was clear that certain early picks from Madrona Ranch and Cappella belonged together. These ferments went on to provide the core components of the 2012 Rothwell Hyde blend, balancing each other beautifully. The richness and opulence of Madrona Ranch opposes the gravelly texture gratis of the ancient riverbed soils at Cappella. Las Posadas and Thorevilos bring structure, density and complexity; the malbec and petit verdot from each intensifying and brightening the wine.

Rothwell Hyde was created to showcase the relationship between each of the four Abreu vineyards, highlighting the complexity and tension to be had by blending across varied terroirs. In the 2012, each vineyard plays a critical role, such that the sum highlights the individual parts.

### **Media Review**

“Dark, sumptuous and layered, the 2012 is quite dark, which suggests most of the fruit is from Howell Mountain. Plum, black cherry, spice and new leather meld into the supple, inviting finish. None of the Abreu wines could ever be described as inexpensive, but 2012 Rothwell is a fabulous wine for the money by Napa Valley standards. Tasted last after all the 2012s, 2013s and 2014s, the 2012 Rothwell Hyde more than holds its own.”

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