

2012 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Helms Vineyard, Rutherford

Wine Advocate #215 (Oct 2014) Drink: 2014-2039 Rating: 96

The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Helms Vineyard, which is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Rutherford AVA, has a dense black cherry and blackcurrant-scented nose with graphite and forest floor notes, beautiful purity, full-bodied mouthfeel and super-richness and power, but elegant and complex. This is classic Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon and should age beautifully for 20-25 years.

Robert Parker (October 2014)

## 2012 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Lotus Vineyard, Napa Valley

Wine Advocate #215 (Oct 2014) Drink: 2014-2035 Rating: 98

The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Lotus, which is 93% Cabernet Sauvignon and 7% Petit Verdot, was harvested much earlier, October 9-18, and 25 months in French oak (more than 90% new). There are only 300 cases of this wine, which has a striking floral nose with hints of licorice, burning embers, incense, blueberry and blackberry liqueur. It's powerful, lightly tannic, extravagantly rich and a great classic from a fabulous terroir and impeccable winemaking and élevage. Drink it over the next 20+ years.

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## 2012 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Hershey Vineyard, Howell Mountain

Wine Advocate #215 (Oct 2014) Drink: 2014-2040 Rating: 98

The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Hershey Vineyard comes from a 1,800-foot elevation and is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon harvested October 19-22. This is a sensational superstar from Howell Mountain with an inky purple color, notes of mocha, mulberry, crème de cassis, graphite and spring flowers. It is dense, full-bodied, opulent and concentrated with sweet but moderate tannin. This is a stunner that should drink well for another 25 or so years.

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