



CELANI FAMILY VINEYARDS

Tenacious

2012



The 2012 Tenacious is made of 70% Estate grown Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc from the Stagecoach Vineyard, which is barrel-aged for 22 months in 70% new French oak barrels. The result is a wine with enormous aromatic impact. Earthy black raspberries, blackcurrants, crushed violets, tobacco-leaf, dusty plums give way to nuances of tea, dried orange peel, black cherry, and mocha. The entry is simultaneously seamless and powerful, with massive flavors of ripe black cherries. Hallmarks such as immense fruit concentration, amazing balance, present but supple tannins could very well be indications that this is the finest Tenacious produced to date. The 2012 Tenacious will drink effortlessly over the next 15 years.

2,161 cases produced.

93 points

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Their biggest production, the 2012 Proprietary Red Blend Tenacious (70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc), is probably my favorite wine, with the exception of the 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Adore. This is a beauty. Dense, plum/ruby with notes of mulberry, forest floor, fudge, coffee, black cherry and blackcurrant fruit, it is dense, opulent, full-bodied, beautifully made, supple and sexy to drink – very much in keeping with the style of 2012.

Proprietors Tom and Vicki Celani use Mark Herold as their consultant, who has produced these wines, ranging from very tiny production of the 100% Merlot Siglo Reserve (100 cases), to nearly 1,000 cases of the Tenacious.

92 points

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Antonio Galloni

Tasted Dec 2014

Dark red cherry, plum, licorice and leather are some of the many notes that blossom in the 2012 Tenacious. Open, supple and expressive, the Tenacious captures the essence of the year in its radiance. The 50% new French oak barrels are very nicely integrated. There is a lot to like in this forward, juicy Merlot/Cabernet Franc blend from Celani and winemaker Mark Herold. Drink 2014 - 2022