



GRAND RESERVE

2012 Winery by the Creek

Winemaker's Notes

The 2012 Winery by the Creek Grand Reserve is a premium, Bordeaux blend that represents the potential of the Fair Play appellation. Continuing the long tradition of flagship Winery by the Creek blends, this Grand Reserve is a full-bodied, complex wine with flavors of cherry, plum and spice that blend seamlessly to produce a smooth, lush wine. Produced from Estate fruit, it is blended to 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10 % Cabernet Franc and 25% Merlot. This sometimes-intense wine is dark purple in color and its aromas are fruity or floral. The flavors are commonly described as white or black pepper spice characters plus dark berries—boysenberry, black raspberry, blackberry and a bit of earth. Occasionally, there will be hints of chocolate or mocha to mellow the mix. The Grand Reserve is blended in the “left bank” Bordeaux style.

Release Date

June 2014

Appellation

Fair Play

Varietal(s)

Carmenere

Brix at Harvest

23

Cooperage

French Oak

Alcohol

13.2%

Winery by the Creek

Winery by the Creek is nestled amongst the pine and oak forests of the Sierra Foothills in the small town of Fair Play, California. Its rural setting is breathtaking and serene. Centuries ago, it was home to native Northern Sierra Miwok tribes and later became a thriving mining camp, trading center and agricultural outpost during the Gold Rush. Today, Fair Play is an established American Viticultural Area where world-class wines are handcrafted.