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2012 BOOTH BELLA OAKS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rutherford, Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	March 1, 2015
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	October 16th, 21st and 22nd, 2012
<i>Barrel Aging</i>	21 Months
<i>Oak</i>	100% French, 95% new, 5% used
<i>Blend</i>	89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 7% Petit Verdot
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.9%



Winemaker Tasting Notes

The ideal 2012 growing season was classic Napa Valley – great conditions during budbreak through flowering got things off to a great start followed by a Goldilocks summer of “just right” days and cool, foggy nights. A nice warmer stretch from late July through mid-August helped ripen the ample crop and set-up the near perfect September stretch and October finish that gave the fruit the extended hangtime we were hoping for.

The 2012 Booth Bella Oaks has a fluidic grace that flows and floats. An expansive perfume of ripe purple and blue fruits is underlain by exotic tropical flowers and smoky, resinous spices that only hint at the burgeoning complexity of this wine. The seamless and soft-edged palate of milk-chocolate and cinnamon infused ripe Damson plum and sun-kissed blackberry glides through a silkily textured exit that finishes with a polished structure of extremely fine-grained tannins. While elegant and inviting now with just a touch of juiciness that highlights its youth, additional age should only serve to further refine and reveal.