

Trig Point

MERLOT - DIAMOND DUST VINEYARD

ALEXANDER VALLEY - 2012

REGION: CALIFORNIA - SONOMA



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ALC. 14.5% BY VOL.

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"A "trig" has been used for many years to establish boundary lines. Trigonometrical stations were set on the top of hills and used as surveying sites. Just as my father was a land surveyor and used these trigs as a reference, so do I when it comes to well known vineyard sites" **Nick Goldschmidt, Winemaker.**

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Merlot	Planted 1982	Deep gravelly loam
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THE WINE

Winemaker's Notes

- Beyond the hands of the winemaker, certain vintages can further accentuate a wine's overall style. Nick evaluates vintages as either elegant, powerful, or dense. The focus of the wine, texturally speaking, falls on either the tip of one's tongue, straight down the middle, or on the sides respectively. He considers the 2012 vintage a powerful one.
- Very structural with good length 2012 put us back on track in terms of the weather conditions we are used to seeing in the North Coast AVA. Winter rainfall was back up to average and fell largely over the Christmas period. The spring was very pleasant and the summer very even. It was not a particularly hot year but it was just right to take grapes to full maturity before the rains came around during the second week of November. It was a brilliant year for this varietal. Without any heat spikes, flavors and sugars matched each other over time and both were in great balance at time of pick.
- The resulting wines gave us full power in terms of fruit load, with supple, mature tannins, and nice black pepper characters.

Technical Information

- Vintage: 2012.
- Varietal: 100% Merlot.
- Clone: 337.
- Vineyard: Diamond Dust Vineyard.
- Avg. Vine Age: 30+ years.
- Yield: 3.7 tons per acre, by hand.
- pH: 3.57.
- Total Acidity: 0.55 g/100ml.
- Alc%: 14.5.
- Barrel: 12 months.
- 20% new tight-grain French.
- 5% new American.

REVIEWS

Merlot – Diamond Dust Vineyard Alexander Valley – 2012

88 Points - Wine Spectator, October, 2014

Lively and well-focused, with red currant flavors and a zesty backbone. (Tim Fish's recommended California Merlots)

GENERAL INFO

Country	USA
Region	Sonoma County
Appellation(s)	Alexander Valley, Sonoma Coast
Proprietors	Nick & Yolyn Goldschmidt
Founded	1998
Winemaker	Nick Goldschmidt
Annual Production	5,000 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Sustainable/organic