BACIO DIVINO CELLARS

2012 Vagabond Syrah

2012 was a very warm year here in Napa, and a great bounce back from the more challenging 2011 vintage. The first sip exudes an elegant mix of blueberry and blackberry flavors, with gorgeous secondary notes of pepper and spice. Not for the faint at heart, this riper style will accommodate some ageing but also allows a very rewarding experience for those with less patience.

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, July 2015 **Rating: 90***

Although unlikely to win favor with those who see ripeness as a liability, this deep and dramatic Syrah is certain to please fans of unflinching richness and intense varietal expression. It leads with a full-throttle nose of blackberries, sweet smoke, dark chocolate and meaty spice and follows up with intense, highly extracted flavors that fully live up to billing. It is a big wine, to be sure, and it can be rightly accused of being a bit of a blunderbuss, but what it may lack in subtlety and refinement is more than made up for in fruity volume and sheer depth, and, given a few years in which to knit together, it will do yeoman service as a foil to the heartiest braised meats and stews.

JamesSuckling.com, July 28, 2015

Rating: 92

Lots of dried meat, pepper, spice and dark fruit character. Full body, round and soft tannins and a fresh finish. Stylish syrah. Drink now.

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, October 2015 Rating: 91

From the cool-climate Caldwell Vineyard in Coombsville, the 2012 Vagabond Syrah offers up blackberries, grilled herbs, roasted meats, licorice and camphor. It is medium to full-bodied and impressive.

Wine Enthusiast, December 2015 Rating: 91

From the Caldwell Vineyard in Carneros, this 100% varietal, Rhône-inspired wine is smoky, like a great outdoor barbecue, with dense elements of black pepper and gunpowder. Balanced, weighty and dense, it peaks in pomegranate, providing a tartness to the proceedings, particularly the finish. Drink now through 2020. - V.B.

- 100% Syrah from the Caldwell vineyard in the Coombsville AVA.
- 20 months in new Taransaud French oak barrels.
- Alcohol: 14.8%
- TA: 0.68 g/100ml
- pH: 3.74

Consulting Winemaker and Viticulturalist: Kirk Venge **Proprietors:** The Janzen Family **Total Production:** 75 cases **Release Date:** Spring 2015 **Website Retail Price:** \$60

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