

# Ceritas

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Dear Friends,

The wait is finally over. After two years in barrel and another in bottle, we could not be more excited to be releasing our first bottling of Peter Martin Ray Cabernet Sauvignon. In 2012, after working with Chardonnay from this storied and historical site, we were approached about the opportunity to make wine from the Cabernet Sauvignon down the hill. At first, we were hesitant since our goal had always been to make wine from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir exclusively. But once we got our boots into the dirt and saw the nearly foot diameter trunks we were excited to say the least.

The vines at Peter Martin Ray cling to the Mt Eden Road hillside. Dry farmed since their planting, the vines search for water deep into the shale soils found here. This area of the vineyard is so rocky, even weeds can't get a foothold. Sitting at around 1600 feet above the San Jose Valley, the vines spend their mornings in coastal fog and afternoons in the cool sunshine found in the northern Santa Cruz Mountains. It's paradise for Cabernet.

The wine reminds us of the rusticity and elegance often found in the wines from Mayacamas; the precision and juicy fruit from Napa's revered Diamond Creek; and unmistakable flavors of the Santa Cruz Mountains in Ridge Monte Bello. We absolutely love this wine.

## **2012 PETER MARTIN RAY CABERNET SAUVIGNON / SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS**

After a year in bottle this wine is singing. On the nose crushed red currants, herbs de Provence and narcissus are highlighted by rock rose resin. The palate is lighter than your typical California Cabernet. Juicy fruit – watermelon, unripe figs and strawberry – are backed by vibrant acidity and fine grained tannins. Feminine. Showcases what great old vine Cabernet can be like from California.

Thank you for your continued support. Be well.

John Raytek & Phoebe Bass