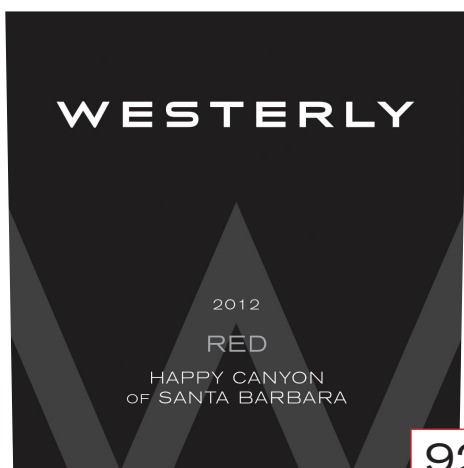


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2012 WESTERLY RED HAPPY CANYON OF SANTA BARBARA



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POINTS*

COMPOSITION

74% Merlot

26% Cabernet Franc

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WINEMAKING NOTES

The fruit for this wine came off of two different vineyards in the Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara AVA. The Merlot is planted on a steep hillside in the easternmost part of the canyon, which is riddled with cobble and serpentine, whereas the Cabernet Franc grows on the crest of a southwest-facing hill with rich, clay loam soils. Harvested by hand in late October of 2012, the grapes were hand-sorted, destemmed, and fermented as whole berries in small, open top stainless steel fermenters. The wine was drained and pressed after 24 days on the skins, and the wine was filled into 225 liter French oak barrels, 60% of which were new. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. The wine was racked to blend after 12 months, and remained in barrel for a total of 26 months. Bottled unfinned & unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

The 2012 Westerly Red presents a precise, focused mix of dried berry, currant, and black cherry notes. This is a balanced and finely layered wine, with a rich, yet firm, tannin structure that fans out across the palate. Will drink at it's peak from 2013 to 2018.

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