



FLANAGAN

2012 MERLOT, *Bennett Valley,*
Sonoma County



HARVEST DATE October 4 2012

PH 3.37

TA 6.1

CASES PRODUCED 150

RELEASE DATE October 12, 2014

PRODUCTION NOTES

I am very pleased to introduce the inaugural vintage of Flanagan Merlot. We made tiny amounts of Merlot previous years but this is the first time we have enough to actually release it. Our Merlot is produced from our Bennett Valley estate and is grown on the steep south face of Bennett Mountain.

TASTING NOTES

The 2012 shows the pretty floral notes (lavender) that are typical of our estate, along with hints of vanilla. Visually the wine is a dark scarlet color and completely opaque. It is the nature of this wine to be that way. On the palate the wine reflects the generosity of the 2012 vintage. It is balanced and lush with ripe black berry and cassis fruits, and a hint of mocha. My guess is that very few people would identify this as a California Merlot in a blind tasting. It has a lot in common with a Pomerol from a ripe year (think 1995). The wine was fermented in 4 ton Taransaud Oak tanks and aged in 100% new French oak for 19 months.