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2012 KEEVER VINEYARDS Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	January 2015 – 944 Cases
<i>Appellation</i>	Napa Valley
<i>Winemaking Team</i>	Bill and Olga KEEVER, Vintners Celia Welch, Winemaker
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.4% alcohol
<i>Cooperage</i>	French Oak barrels (79% new)

Tasting Notes:

Winemakers routinely pray for growing seasons exactly like the one which Napa Valley experienced in 2012. Long, even, dry summer months of daily temps in the mid-80s gave us the ideal growing conditions for flavor and tannin maturity, acid retention, and perfect balance, as evidenced in the 2012 KEEVER Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon. Bright, fresh plums, blackberries still on the vine, grilled figs and just a whiff of ripe sweet pipe tobacco dominate the intense and complex aromas of this fully-ripe Cabernet Sauvignon. The dark cherry notes combine with caramel and vanilla from the new French oak, giving deep bass notes to the aromas.

On the palate, the sweet fruit is similarly balanced with the darker characters of mocha and toasty oak. Broad and soft at entry, the wine shows richness throughout the palate and finishes with a warm, silky texture. This wine is delicious at release but will mature and improve over the next six to eight years, and hold easily for fifteen. – Celia Welch