

# *Domaine de la Terre Rouge*

TERRE ROUGE® AND EASTON WINES



## **2012 Terre Rouge Syrah, Ascent® - Sierra Foothills**

Ascent Syrah represents the pinnacle of Syrah production at TERRE ROUGE. Eight of our very best barrels of Syrah are selected from our cellar each vintage to make a meager 400/6 packs of this luxury cuvée. All of the grapes are grown in selected Syrah sites scattered throughout the Sierra Nevada in granite and volcanic-based soils. This is a deeply concentrated wine with dense layers of aromatic complexity. Loads of deeply-concentrated and incredibly spicy fruit aromas fill your glass. In the mouth you'll find thick concentrated and riotous meaty Syrah flavors, smoky wood tones, exotic spices, mineral tones, and fine tannins. Great structure and aging potential. The grapes macerated for two weeks in an open-top fermenter with punch-downs two to three times a day. The wine was aged for 23 months in French oak barrels (François Frères, Ermitage, and other cooperages - from four different forests) and lightly egg-white fined prior to being bottled unfiltered.

2012 was a solid, somewhat average year. We had a pleasant early season, with an average growing season, and decent yields in most fields. As well, the grapes had typical cluster morphology. Harvest was about normal time for our Syrah vineyards and the finished wines have a plush, elegant, and silky texture. This wine will benefit from several years of bottle age, as was intended by the winemaker.

14.5 % alcohol by vol.; 3.80 pH; 6.2 gm./liter total acidity - 400/6 packs bottled

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Suggested Retail: \$90 a bottle

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