



## 2012 Sonoma Valley MERITAGE Red Wine

## **About the Winery**

Bonneau Winery is operated by the third generation of Bonneaus with family history dating back to the early 1920s in the Sonoma-Los Carneros appellation. The Bonneaus originally came to America from the vineyard lands of Bordeaux, France and began farming a 70 acre parcel of land just south of the town of Sonoma. After growing and providing Chardonnay grapes to several well-known wineries in both Sonoma and Napa, the family launched its own label in 2002.

Our Meritage is a blend of grapes grown on the hillsides and basin floor of Sonoma Valley. Winery operations take place in the town of Sonoma.

John Bambury is the Director of Winemaking and handles all the winemaking responsibilities.

| Composition: | 82% Cabernet Sauvignon,     | Production: | 300 cases    |
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|              | 16% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot | Vintner:    | John Bambury |
| Appellation: | Sonoma Valley               | TA:         | 0.57 g/100ml |
| Alcohol:     | 14.1%                       | pH:         | 3.64         |
| Aged:        | 22 months                   |             |              |

**Winemaker Notes:** Our Meritage release is a blend of grapes grown on the hillsides and basin floor of Sonoma Valley. The grapes were fully mature at harvest and offer deep aromas of blackberry, black cherry, Mission fig, vanilla, mocha and spice. The flavors are even more complex with each variety contributing its own particular nuance. On the palate, it's full- bodied, very rich with smooth, round tannins that lead to a long, elegant finish. This wine was aged for 22 months in French oak barrels and will continue to mature in the bottle for many years to come. Pair with fine steaks, red meats, sharp cheeses and cassoulet.

We welcome your comments at (800) 996-0420 or www.bonneauwine.com.