



# MADRÓNA

## 2012 Quintet – Signature Collection

### Quintet

Our “Quintet” is a classic blend of five Bordeaux varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec. Individual barrels selected from only the most exceptional lots are blended together to create this full-bodied Bordeaux-style wine, rich in flavor and aroma with complexity and depth.

### The Vineyards

This traditional blend of Bordeaux varieties is also a unique blend of our vineyards. Although all planted around the 3,000-foot elevation, each of the five varieties are grown in slightly different micro-climates with different trellising systems. The Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot all come from the Estate vineyards in Camino whereas the Malbec and Petit Verdot traditionally come from our in Enyé Vineyards in Pleasant Valley. Ranging in age from the low teens to upwards of 40 years, these low-yielding vines are very much in their prime. The blending of these lots from separate locations provides yet another aspect for balance and complexity in our Quintet.

### The 2012 Vintage

Inky black, super complex and imminently elegant, need we say more about the 2012 Signature Quintet? Not really, but we can. A classically Californian gorgeous summer in 2012 has produced ripe yet balanced wines. The Quintet, with its foundation of Cabernet Sauvignon, not only reflects its serious nature, but also embraces the rich texture of the vintage. The aromas tend to show more of the brooding dark berry fruit while being framed by rounded vanilla notes of great oak cooperage. The choice of having a few more new barrels in this blend (28%) has softened the wine’s youthful tannins on both the entry and the finish. At 9%, the Malbec really comes through with a nice blueberry intensity, adding to the structure of the Cabernet. But ultimately, it’s the overall elegance and linearity that make this a truly fine wine! (Cellaring Potential: 7+ years)

### Suggested Food Pairings

This Quintet deserves rich and complex dishes to compliment the inherent balance of the wine. Beef Wellington, lamb stews, a great filet or even a rib eye with freshly ground pepper will shine with this vintage of Quintet. Enjoy!

### Facts

Appellation: El Dorado, Estate Grown

Blend: 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 9% Malbec, 9% Cabernet Franc, 9% Petit Verdot

Fermentation: 18 days on skins (average between the varieties and lots)

Aging: 19 months in barrel (23% new French oak)

Bottled: May 21, 2014

Alcohol: 14.2%

pH: 3.60

TA: 0.59g /100ml

Production: 237 cases

Cellaring: 7+ years

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.00

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