

**PEIRSON
MEYER**
MAQUETTE
NAPA VALLEY
2012

Production Notes

- Winemaker - Robbie Meyer
- Production: 150 cases
- Napa Valley Appellation
- 50% Merlot / 50% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Harvested in October 2012
- 25 Day Maceration
- 75% New French Oak Barrels
- Barrel Aged 20 Months
- Bottled in June 2014
- \$55 per bottle

The Wine Advocate
by Robert Parker

The 2012 Proprietary Red Maquette is an equal part blend of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon from the Kenefick Ranch in Napa (adjacent to the Araujo winery). It exhibits abundant sexy, broad, savory notes of blackcurrant fruit, forest floor, baking spices and new oak. Lush, heady, open-knit and precocious, it can be drunk with pleasure over the next 8-10 years. It was aged 20 months in 75% new French oak.- 90 pts.

Winemaker Notes

In 2012 that we had the opportunity to produce again this "Right-Bank" inspired wine using Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon fruit from the Kenefick Ranch on Picket Road in Calistoga. The result of this 50/50 blend is an inviting aromatic presentation of black cherry, chocolate, and coffee bean with light hints of vanilla and cinnamon. The palate is rich, luscious, and approachable; the body and structure are well balanced resulting in a wine that is ready to drink now, but will also age well in the cellar.

A term familiar to Alan Peirson in his work as a sculptor, "maquette" is the name given to a small three dimensional model made for a larger scale sculpture.

Artwork by Yasuhiro Esaki

