Why We're Drinking It

Mags of top-vintage, top producer Cab for the holidays, at 50% off retail? Double-gold winning 2012 BR Cohn Gold Label Cabernet is exactly what we want to have on hand for high-impact gifts and impeccable get-togethers this year!

Full bodied, rich and elegant, the 2012 BR Cohn Gold Label Cabernet is a sumptuous wine from the best hillside parcels in Sonoma and Napa. Dark, black cherry and plum aromas envelop classic cassis, briar and clove on the palate. Nuances of cedar and licorice add to the complexity, and the long finish displays fine, supple tannins.

BR Cohn Winery was started in 1984 by Bruce Cohn, who realised that the unique microclimate of his hillside property in the heart of Sonoma Valley was perfect for growing vines that would produce wine of great intensity. Famous for wines that are balanced, elegant and rich, the winery has been a launchpad for the careers of such superstar winemakers as Helen Turley and Merry Edwards.

Why we love it:

Blended from world-class hillside sites, fruit for the 2012 BR Cohn Gold Label Cabernet was sourced from Atlas Peak, Howell Mountain, Spring Mountain, Mt. Veeder, Calistoga and Oakville in Napa, along with Chalk Hill, Sonoma Coast, Sonoma Valley and the phenomenal BR Cohn Olive Hill Estate in Sonoma.

Each small lot was vinified separately in small fermenters, some parcels enjoying extended maceration, and all and went through 100% malolactic. 22 months in high quality, fine-grained French oak barrels rounds out the winemaking process. This Magnum bottle of full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon will show very well this year with an hour or so in decanter, or will make an excellent addition to the cellar for 3-8 years more aging.

2012 was rated an outstanding vintage for Cabernet across the north coast (93-96WA) with its near-perfect growing season of warm, dry, and even weather.

Tasting Notes

A rich bold style Cabernet built to go with food. Classic Cabernet aromas of cassis and plum yield to black cherry and briar. These harmonize with a bouquet of sweet French oak, cedar cigar box, clove, and a hint of anise and pine needle. The palate is medium-full bodied with rich plum and cherry flavors and round supple tannins on the long finish.

The Story to Know

B.R. Cohn Winery is located in the heart of the Sonoma Valley. This small family operated winery is surrounded by the 90-acre Olive Hill Estate Vineyards, where soils warmed by underground natural hot springs and gentle ocean breezes create a unique microclimate resulting in ideal growing conditions for Cabernet Sauvignon. B.R. Cohn also produces Chardonnay from the Carneros Region and Merlot from Sonoma Valley.

A Sonoma County native since early boyhood, Bruce’s extensive agricultural background served him well as he became immersed in all aspects of wine growing at Olive Hill Estate Vineyards.

In 1974, Bruce began selling his grapes to August Sebastiani, who taught him the finer points of negotiating grape contracts. A year later, Bruce befriended the venerable Charlie Wagner of now-famous Caymus Vineyards. After making wine from his grapes in 1978, Wagner encouraged Bruce to ask for vineyard designates from other wineries that were purchasing his grapes. Both Ravenswood and Gundlach-Bundschu agreed to make Olive Hill designations and
immediately won awards with them. In fact, the 1980 Gundlach-Bundschu Olive Hill Cabernet received the great honor of being selected by the White House as a gift to China, representing a stellar example of a California red wine.

It was a career-defining moment. After Bruce purchased Olive Hill Estate Vineyards, he started making wine under his own label and B.R. Cohn Winery was founded in 1984. Budding winemaker Helen Turley was a member of the inaugural B.R. Cohn team, and wowed the wine world with stellar releases of B.R. Cohn’s first four vintages. B.R. Cohn Winery was firmly established with wine critics and public perception.

Read more [here](#).

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**Perfect Pairings**
This Cabernet is suited along side hearty meat dishes and stews.

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**Ratings**

- Double Gold- San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition
- 93 Points -The Tasting Panel
- 91 Points -California State Fair Commercial Wine Competition
- 95 *Insider* Points

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**Reviews**
This popular wine from BR Cohn is absolutely stunning, especially the 2012 release, showing that wonderfully dark and spicy fruit found the best Sonoma Valley Cabs. The nose is weighty and intense, with black cherry, lavender and incense wafting from the glass. The palate is even more dense and powerful, expressing an amazing sense of place among the notes of plum compote, blackberry and sandalwood. With a rich texture and drying tannins, this wine is still in its youth and should last well into the 2020’s. Enjoy now through 2025. - DZ Nov 2015