

Blankiet Estate 2012 Blankiet Estate Mythicus Paradise Hills Vineyard**Yountville, Napa Valley, United States****Drinking window: 2022 - 2032**

Blankiet's 2012 Blankiet Estate Mythicus Paradise Hills Vineyard is a new wine that may become a permanent addition to the range. The debut vintage is certainly promising. Black fruit, cassis and grilled herbs lead to tobacco, smoke, incense and orange peel notes that add an exotic, intriguing dimension. The 2012 is rich and sensual yet also has plenty of underlying structure and pure explosiveness. Graphite, game and scorched earth all add complexity as this dark, brooding Cabernet Sauvignon shows off its personality and pedigree. I expect the Mythicus will require patience, but readers who can find the 2012 should not hesitate, as it is magnificent.

— Antonio Galloni, November 2013

Grapes Variety: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon**Producer commentary**

Claude and Katherine Blankiet spared no expense in making the best 2011s possible, and the results bear that out. Readers might enjoy this [video](#), which was shot during the 2011 harvest. Among the 2011s, I can't ignore the entry-level Prince of Hearts, which is one of the best Napa Valley wines in its price range. Overall, the 2011s are delicate, perfumed and impeccably balanced. The 2012s are also fabulous - readers may wish to watch videos from the archive of [the 2012 harvest](#) and a tasting of the 2012s shortly after bottling (<http://vinousmedia.com/multimedia/blankiet-with-claude-blankiet-and-denis-malbec-jun-2013>). Blankiet fans will note a new wine, the 100% Cabernet Sauvignon Mythicus, which may become a permanent addition. I also had a chance to taste a few 2013s from tank. The transformation that has taken place at Blankiet over the last few years under the direction of Denis and May-Britt Malbec is remarkable.