



2012 Blankiet Estate Mythicus Paradise Hills Vineyard

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table

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Drink 2014 - 2039

Made from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, there are only 220 cases of the 2012 Mythicus Paradise Hills Vineyard, unquestionably a great wine. Dense ruby/purple-colored with a more structured, backward, bigger style than the Proprietary Red, it possesses terrific focus and purity, abundant power and density as well as lots of licorice-infused blackcurrant and blackberry fruit intermixed with hints of coffee and loamy soil undertones. This beauty should drink well for 20-25 years. This fabulous small estate tucked in the foothills of the Mayacamas Mountains, behind the Dominus Napanook estate in Yountville, continues to turn out a bevy of brilliant wines from proprietors Claude and Katherine Blankiet. As I wrote last year, they have had an amazing group of top wine consultants on their payroll, including viticulturist David Abreu, Helen Turley and John Wetlaufer, Michael Rolland, Martha McClellan, and currently, Denis Malbec. The owners' only goal is to make world-class wines, and their tiny production of under 2,500 cases is mindboggling for the major effort they are making. In any event, it's about quality, not quantity. The 2012s are beautifully forward, open-knit, ripe wines, and the 2013s look equally fleshy and beautiful, and perhaps, as a vintage, less backward than many 2013s may prove to be elsewhere.