

*Aratas*

## **2012 Aratas “Veneration” Red Blend**

This is our first blend for Aratas Wine. The Veneration gives homage to the noble heritage of Petite Sirah in a proprietary blend which reunites the American Heritage varietal we are known for along with its Patriarch, the Rhone noble Syrah. As Aratas Wine is a new world wine from the Napa Valley, California’s first designated viticulture area, it is only fitting the wine is a blend from all of our best sites planted along the valley floor and those gripping the steep volcanic hillsides.

This exuberant wine was fermented on native yeasts, aged for 23 months in new and used Hungarian and French oak barrels then bottled unfiltered and un-fined. Veneration is created with a slightly softer style in mind, ready to enjoy now through 2024.

Tasting impressions: “The 2012 Veneration has the pantone of saturated claret and the aromas of ripe boysenberry, fig, salumi, cured duck and the subtle earthiness of tarragon and pulled annuals at the end of the dry season. Richly opulent with a somewhat juicy texture with subdued tannins, for a Petite based wine. This full-bodied offering envelops the palate in luscious, lingering red plum and violet along with layers of baking spices.”

\$36 (750ml)