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## Domaine A 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon

**Winemaker:** Peter Althaus

**Grape(s):** 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot

**GI:** Tasmania

**Site(s):** Stoney Vineyard

**Vintage notes:** A vintage of quality over quantity. Yields were down about 30% due to cold easterly weather at flowering. Conditions warmed up but stayed consistent, with vintage kicking off in late February and continuing into early April.

**Vineyard notes:** This is cool-climate wine country. Ancient soil and champagne air. A temperate maritime climate and long hours of sunshine, even over the long cool season. Slow-ripening fruit and aromatic varieties brought forth from the impeccably tended Stoney Vineyard—the oldest in the historic Coal River Valley in southern Tasmania. Each vintage is a constant reflection of this extraordinary, elemental terroir: climate and soil, vineyard and method, founded on 200-million-year-old Jurassic dolerite.

**Winemaking:** Domaine A Cabernet Sauvignon is crafted in small batches employing traditional techniques including open vat fermentation, regular racking and hand plunging with extended time on lees. It is matured in 100% new French oak barriques for three years and rested in the cellar for four further years or more until ready for release. Hand-picked and native yeast fermented.

**Closure:** Natural cork

**ABV:** 13.8%

**LEGEND tasting notes:** This wine is widely considered Tasmania's greatest cabernet sauvignon, and one of the finest examples from all Australia. A powerful and balanced style of cabernet, replete with the full gamut of ripe, summer berries, complemented by heady notes of tobacco, liquorice, mountain pepper, and dried herbs. The palate is slick and mouth-filling, with a dry finish that demands another taste. Salty, smokey, complex, and warming, this is one of the most fulfilling Australian sips out there.

**Production size:** 635 dozen

**Scores:** 17.5/20, Jancis Robinson