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## Specs

**Origin:** California

**Region:** Napa Valley

**Appellation:** Rutherford

**ABV:** 13.75%

**Aging:** 12 months in 50% new French oak

## The Architect Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford 2012

**Region:** Napa Valley

**Varietal:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Producer Info:** "We've designed this Cabernet Sauvignon to provide the ultimate in value without sacrificing richness, intensity or flavor. It is sourced from the finest vineyards in the Napa Valley, located in the prestigious Rutherford A.V.A., home to many of the Napa Valley's greatest Cabernet Sauvignon wines. The fruit was hand-picked and sorted so only the finest berries are selected before fermentation. After fermentation, the wine was aged in French oak barrels (50% new) for twelve months before bottling. Cheers!" - Tris & Kyle

**Harvest Notes:** "Classic" and "perfect" are just two accolades being bestowed upon the 2012 Napa Valley growing season and harvest. Textbook conditions saw near-ideal spring bud break, steady flowering, even fruit set, and a lengthy stretch of warm days and cool and often foggy nights during the long summer months. Late and light rains held off until Napa Valley's treasured wine grapes found optimal ripeness, bringing exceptional quality to the crush pad and into the cellar. The abundance of perfectly ripe grapes--with a smooth balance of acids and sugars--provided a broad sweep of opportunities for winemakers to cull only the most select fruit.

**Tasting Notes:** Deep Garnet. Aromatic notes of wild black cherries, cassis, cedar and dried tobacco. The palate is seamless, with vibrant, concentrated red fruits expressing youth and energy that are offset with beautiful minerality, cocoa and a touch of sweet oak. The wine is rich and layered with tannins that are round and well integrated into the long, seamless finish.

**Pairing:** Enjoy with grilled mustard-encrusted rack of lamb, cauliflower casserole and caramelized Brussels sprouts with pancetta.

### Interesting Points:

- Grapes sourced from a top Rutherford vineyards whose wines typically sell for upwards of \$100/btl
- Aged in top flight French Barrels
- Fantastic 2012 vintage!

