



HILL FAMILY  
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## 2012 “Windy Flats” Zinfandel

**Production:** 262 cases

**Composition:** 82% Zinfandel & 18% Petite Sirah

**Vineyards:** Windy Flats

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Elevation:** 500 ft.

**Cooperage:** 12 months in barrel: 20% new French oak (as Stavin), and the rest in neutral French, Hungarian and American oak.

**Alcohol:** 15.4%, TA 0.61, pH 3.74

**Bottling date:** December 10, 2013

**Release date:** Fall 2014

**Release price:** \$38.00

This is the first Zinfandel Hill Family Estate has bottled. The Windy Flats Vineyard is just over into Wooden Valley, carved into the cliffs on the western side of the mountains. The Zinfandel comes from a steep section at the highest point of the vineyard. Normally we would put this Zinfandel into our Barrel Blend to add bounce and crunchy red fruit, but in 2012 we saved some as a small bottling just for the wine club members, and for our own education, as we have a lot of faith in the future of this unique vineyard.

### **Winemaker Alison Doran’s tasting notes:**

Punchy, young nose with bright, buttery cranberry and raspberry fruit. The palate has a dense velvety texture mixed with fresh bright plum, followed by a bit of black pepper and molasses. This seems like an unlikely combination, but makes for an intriguing wine.