



2012 Blankiet Estate Mythicus Paradise Hills Vineyard

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table

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The 2012 Mythicus is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon and a smaller cuvée of only 220 cases. It is close to perfection, for sure, with an inky purple color and a beautiful nose of smoldering embers intermixed with charcoal, blackberry, new saddle leather, crème de cassis, incense and graphite. Full-bodied, with enormous extract and richness, but with a flawless integration of alcohol, acidity, tannin and wood, this wine is still a baby, even for a 2012, but promises to evolve for 25-30 years. It is hard to believe that Claude Blankiet's first vintage was 1999. Of course, this is a fabulous vineyard that also looks marvelous from the famous Route 29. This is pure Yountville AVA on the eastern slopes of the Mayacamas Mountains, just above the valley floor vineyard of Christian Moueix's Dominus. Blankiet's blends are made by Denis Malbec, who also works not too far away as the consultant for Kapcsandy. These wines often need time in bottle to show their character, and I thought the 2012s performed even better than they did from barrel. The 2013s look incredible as well. These may be Blankiet's two greatest vintages to date, even eclipsing the 2001s and 2002s.