

# MACLAREN

## 2012 Atoosa's Vineyard Syrah



**Vineyard:** Atoosa's Vineyard

**Appellation:** Russian River Valley

**Clones:** 174, 383, 877, 470

**Vine Age:** 17 years

**Harvest Date:** 19th October 2012

**Barrel Aging:** 14 Months - 100%  
Neutral French Oak

**Production:** 147 Cases

**Alcohol:** 12.9%

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### Vineyard Notes

Atoosa's vineyard is located in the middle of the Russia River valley plain, west of Santa Rosa, and is planted to four different clones of Syrah. This is our third vintage from this Russian River vineyard which is always our last harvest of the year due to its foggy placement.

### Winemaker Notes

The vineyard was hand harvested in late October reflecting the cooler vintage and the native yeast fermentation took 13 days. The wine was pressed off to tank where the ML fermentation was started and then racked to 100% neutral French oak barrels to complete the ML fermentation. The wine was left in barrels for 14 months and racked once during aging. It was bottled unfiltered and unfined.

### Tasting Notes

A beautiful perfumed violet invites you into this wine revealing layers of strawberries, blackcurrants and a background of pepper, tobacco and salted meat. The mouth feel is plush with a pleasant freshness. The violet floral tones help highlight both the darker and redder fruits and the star anise maintains a fresher finish.