



Dear Friends,

The 2012 vintage is our inaugural offering of Cut Bank Estate wines. Long days and cool nights, gentle breezes, and perfectly timed precipitation mark this growing season along the Mill Creek Valley. These idyllic conditions allowed for wines with vibrant color, plush flavors, balanced acidity and structured tannins. Approachable now, they will only benefit with additional time in bottle.

**2012 Walla Walla Valley Vottavo, Cut Bank Estate Vineyard, \$60**

Take the racy elegance and spice of Sangiovese, add Merlot's lush mouthfeel and rich, fruit flavors, and complete the package with the intense color and structured tannins of Cabernet Sauvignon and you have our Vottavo. The name is a nod to our history as the eighth winery in the appellation as "ottavo" means eighth in Italian. Cranberry and cassis pop out of the glass, backed by hints of leather and buttered toast. Bright fruit graces the palate, cherry with a dash of vanilla, opening to strawberry-rhubarb pie. Impeccably balanced, drifting through fine-grained tannins, cedar and clove in the lingering finish. **3 bottles included**

**2012 Walla Walla Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, Cut Bank Estate Vineyard, \$60**

As the saying goes, Cab is King. This one ascends the throne with layered complexity, depth, structure and a site-specific balance found only in the Upper Mill Creek area of the Walla Walla Valley. Aromas of violet, plum, black currant and woody herbs waft out of the glass. Greeted by blackberry on the palate, the Cab opens to flavors of pomegranate, sage and crushed granite all backed by nuanced tannins. The finish is laced with black pepper and dark chocolate covered espresso beans. **3 bottles included**

Cheers!

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