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2010 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Helms Vineyard

Wine Advocate #204 (Dec 2012)

Drink: 2016-2030

Rating: 98

Dana's 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Helms Vineyard opens with a burst of super-ripe sweet red, mocha, berries, flowers and sweet spices. The Helms boasts stunning textural depth and richness. In a vintage in which so many wines are big and structured, the Helms stands out for its seamless fruit, silky tannins and superb purity. While the wine clearly has the power of the vintage, there is virtually no sensation of tannin. There is absolutely nothing out of balance in this stunning, virtuosic wine. Sweet floral and spice notes add gorgeous lift on the beautifully delineated finish. In a word: dazzling. The 2010 was fermented in barrel and spent 18 months in French oak, 100% new.

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2010 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Lotus Vineyard

Wine Advocate #204 (Dec 2012)

Drink: 2020-2030

Rating: 100

The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Lotus Vineyard takes over all the senses, starting with the most extraordinary of aromatics. White truffle, mint, bitter chocolate and cloves melt into a rich, layered core of blue and black fruit. Hints of tar, smoke, mocha and grilled herbs develop later, adding further complexity and nuance. Layers of fruit continue to build to a head-spinning crescendo of aromas and flavors. I can't say enough about the job the entire team at Dana Estates has done with this utterly magnificent Cabernet Sauvignon. The Lotus was fermented in a combination of 45% oak uprights, 45% cement and 10% barrique. It spent 26 months in 100% new French oak barrels.

Antonio Galloni (December 2012)

2010 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Hershey Vineyard

Wine Advocate #204 (Dec 2012)

Drink: 2020-2030

Rating: 99+

The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Hershey Vineyard explodes from the glass with intense, huge fruit, menthol, black cherries, chocolate, pine, cloves and crushed rocks. The essence of Howell Mountain comes through loud and clear in this stunning utterly breathtaking wine. A large-scaled, structured Cabernet Sauvignon, the Hershey is going to require considerable patience. Exotic balsamic and spice notes continue to develop in the glass, giving the wine additional volume, depth and textural richness. There is little doubt the Hershey is one of the great wines of this magnificent vintage. The Hershey was fermented in barrel and spent 26 months in French oak, 100% new.

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