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2012 Dana Estates Helms Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford

Le Pan, No. 2 September-October

Rating: 96

A hugely successful vintage for Dana in 2012. The Helms vineyard offers supple, dark berry fruit, a hint of violet and a spicy edge. The palate texture is velvety, thanks to fine-grained tannins. Lasting, persistent finish that is almost a minute long.

Jeannie Cho Lee, MW

2012 Dana Estates Lotus Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Le Pan, No. 2 September-October

Rating: 99

Expressive nose of anise, clove and nutmeg, balanced by dark berry fruit with an earthy finish. Gorgeous fruit on the palate with intense, layered flavors that are constantly evolving in the glass. Very long finish. A hugely impressive, intriguing wine that will only get better with age.

Jeannie Cho Lee, MW

2012 Dana Estates Hershey Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain

Le Pan, No. 2 September-October

Rating: 97

Wonderful minerality and stoniness. A great vintage for Hershey with ripe, balanced tannins. Flavors are dark and dense, showing a typical mountain fruit profile. Very long finish. A wine with depth, poise and long aging potential.

Jeannie Cho Lee, MW

2012 Dana Estates Onda Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Le Pan, No. 2 September-October

Rating: 92

Wonderful flavor profile with dark berry fruit, plum and cedar. Approachable, overt, ripe fruit with nice detail and firm tannins. Ready to drink now but should keep well over the next 6 to 8 years. 70% new oak, 87% Cabernet Sauvignon with Merlot and Petit Verdot.

Jeannie Cho Lee, MW