



*Dolin*

MALIBU ESTATE VINEYARDS

## **2012 THE BLUE NOTE MALIBU COAST**

100% of the grapes crushed to produce our 2012 “The Blue Note” originate from Newton Canyon in the hills of Malibu. With elevations of 1450 feet above sea level, this site sits above the fog line, allowing for the sun exposure and warmer temperatures in which the Bordeaux varietals flourish.



**Vineyard Established:** 1993

**Soil Type:** Mixed Clays and Loam

**Elevation:** 1450'

**Exposure:** South – South West.

**Varietal Composition:** 44% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Cabernet Franc

**Harvest Dates:** October 3 to October 15, 2012

**Cooperage & Aging:** 21 months in 56% new oak barrels from Saury, Cadus, Radoux, Marques and Vicard.

**Finish:** Unfined and Filtered

**Bottling Date:** July 19, 2014

pH: 3.48, TA: 0.61 grams/100 ml, ABV: 14.8 %

**Production:** 199 cases

### ***Winemaking Notes:***

Each of the three varietals was picked at their peak of ripeness. The clusters were hand sorted before the berries were destemmed, then the berries were hand sorted by a team of four people. Each of the musts underwent a cold soak for 3-5 days. Fermentation occurred in 1 - 1.5 ton vessels and each was punched down no more than two times per day. Maceration ended with pressing approximately 10 - 16 days after harvest.

- Kirby Anderson, Winemaker

### ***Tasting Notes:***

The 2012 Dolin Estate “The Blue Note” has an opaque, garnet hue. Lovely perfumed aromas of red currant, violets, and plum, mingle with savory notes of leather and cigar box. Bright and fresh upon entry, the rich structure becomes more perceptible on the mid palate, with lush plum flavors, accented by pepper and spice. The wine has balanced fruit acidity throughout with medium, resolved tannins and a long aromatic finish.