THE VINTAGE
Textbook conditions saw near-ideal spring bud break, steady flowering, even fruit set, and a lengthy stretch of warm days with cool and often foggy nights during the long summer months. Late and light rains held off until Napa Valley’s treasured wine grapes found optimal ripeness, bringing exceptional quality to the crush pad and into the cellar.

VINIFICATION & BARREL
The 2012 Helmet of Mambrino Petite Syrah is comprised of a selection of 12 barrels from the 2012 Quixote Petite Syrah and aged an additional year in 50% American oak and 50% French oak barrels resulting in even greater nuance, subtlety and profound complexity.

TASTING NOTES
Intriguing sharp cheddar notes with soy sauce and savory aromas, are met with an elegant body; smooth but heavier on the tannin structure. Flavors of cola and roasted duck complement this wine which will age gracefully for 10+ more years.

TECHNICAL
ALCOHOL: 14.4%
pH: 4.12
TA: 5.7 g/L
HARVEST DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2012
BOTTLING DATE: JULY 2, 2015