



# RAMEY

*Pedregal Vineyard.*  
OAKVILLE - NAPA VALLEY  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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## VINEYARDS

<b>Appellation</b>	Oakville
<b>Site</b>	<p>“Pedregal” means a rocky place in Spanish, and that is certainly a distinguishing feature of the site. This is a small, hillside vineyard on the lower slopes of eastern Oakville that's planted to 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Petit Verdot.</p> <p>During 2008 we agreed to a long-term lease of this vineyard which gives us complete control even through any change in ownership. Our farming team, headed by Mike Neal, planted this vineyard in 1990 and has farmed it continuously since.</p>
<b>Soil</b>	Iron-rich red soil, 85% basalt rock
<b>Clonal Selection</b>	The Cabernet Sauvignon is Clone 7. The Petit Verdot is Sterling selection.
<b>Planted</b>	The Cabernet Sauvignon was planted on St. George and 110R rootstock with 4'x8' spacing in 1990. The Petit Verdot was planted on 110R rootstock with 4'x6' spacing in 1993.

## VINTAGE

<b>Growing Season</b>	2012 turned out to be a perfect vintage with clear sunny days and cool evenings. This produced a long, moderate growing season with extended hang time and even ripening, resulting in optimum tannin maturity and a deep range of flavors. The vintage ended with a textbook harvest starting on September 1st and ending exactly two months later on Halloween.
<b>Brix   Harvest Dates</b>	25.6° (Cabernet Sauvignon), 25° (Petit Verdot)   October 4 (CS), October 12 (PV)

## WINEMAKING

<b>Varietal Composition</b>	89% Cabernet Sauvignon and 11% Petit Verdot co-fermented
<b>Fermentation</b>	Native-yeast and full natural malolactic fermentations.
<b>Aging</b>	Aging the 2012 <i>sur lies</i> with monthly <i>bâtonnage</i> has coated the tannins and smoothly integrated the wood. We left this vintage 19 months in 100% new French barrels (Taransaud and Darnajou). Non-filtered.
<b>Cases   Release Date</b>	650   September 2015
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.5%

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*“This is our ninth vintage from this small, outstanding vineyard on the lower slopes of the eastern Oakville hills.”* —David Ramey