

2012 PICCOLO
napa valley

In 1983, with dreams of raising their young family on a farm, Tony and Herta Peju bought thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of the Napa Valley. Since then, the Peju family has maintained a meticulous focus on the land, fostering sustainable and environment consciousness across their five estates. Still family-owned and operated with daughters Lisa and Ariana poised to take the helm, Peju Winery has become an integral piece of the Napa Valley landscape.

INSPIRATION

Herta (H.B.) Peju drew inspiration for the name of this whimsical blend from the 1906 antique stained glass window that takes center stage in our iconic tower. A piccolo adds sparkle and brilliance to the overall sound of a musical piece, and much like a symphony, this stand-out wine is more than the sum of its parts.

VINEYARD

Persephone Vineyard is our 350-acre estate in the heart of Pope Valley, a largely undiscovered grape-growing region in the northeast corner of Napa Valley. The ranch is planted with 130 acres of vines, which includes our Bordeaux grape varieties as well as Zinfandel, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc, and Chardonnay. At nearly 1,000 feet elevation, the area is characterized by wide temperature swings and little fog, which allows for a consistent growing season and produces fruit with rich, focused flavor, and a precise sense of place. Persephone is sustainably farmed, moving towards organic certification.

VINTAGE

Textbook bud break and flowering gave us high hopes for harvest, and Mother Nature did not disappoint. Summer temperatures remained in a precise range during the day, before dipping into the low 50s at night. This wide arc provided gentle, steady ripening and balanced sugar levels, and by evading late rains we finished with a bountiful harvest of undeniably excellent fruit in 2012.

TASTING

Our 2012 Piccolo is a vibrant and lively wine expressing aromas of cherry, mocha and spice. On the palate silky tannins immerse the taste buds showcasing flavors of ripe blueberry, raspberry jam and tobacco. Smooth and round at the finish, this wine culminates with a hint of leather. The 2012 Piccolo's bright acidity makes it a gorgeous food wine, pairing wonderfully with hearty stew or croquet monsieur.

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COMPOSITION
*proprietary red blend of
merlot, cabernet sauvignon
and petit verdot*

COOPERAGE
*60% french oak and 40%
american oak, 40% new*

AGING
20 months

ALCOHOL
14.5%

TA
7 g/l

PH
3.45

HARVEST DATE
october 2012

BOTTLING DATE
may 2015

RELEASE DATE
december 2015

CELLARING
enjoy now through 2018

SRP
\$30 | \$360