

# Nicholson Jones

## 2012 Nicholson Jones Sugarloaf Syrah

<b>Vintage:</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Varietal:</b>	<b>100% Estate Grown Syrah</b>
<b>Vineyard:</b>	<b>100% Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard, Napa Valley</b>
<b>Aging:</b>	<b>19 months 100% New French Oak</b>
<b>Bottled:</b>	<b>Jul-2014</b>
<b>Released:</b>	<b>Nov-2016</b>
<b>Alcohol %:</b>	<b>15.5%</b>
<b>Production:</b>	<b>75 cases</b>



### Tasting Notes

Rich aromas of ripe blackberries, black pepper, lavender and tobacco leaves lead a bursting of juicy blackberries and velvety tannins on the palate. Hints of cassis and pepper on the finish linger in balance with the mouthwatering fruit and minerality. The deeply expressive Sugarloaf vineyard has produced yet another age-worthy Syrah to enjoy for years to come.

### Terroir

100% of Syrah this comes from the Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard. Located in very south Napa Valley between Coombsville and Carneros, the vineyard sits on a volcanic rocky bench, in a cooler climate widely influenced by the bay. The vineyard is positioned high on the hills guarding the entrance to Coombsville. In general this vineyard has long hang time and very low yields. Standing in this beautiful vineyard, one can see the most northern part of the San Francisco Bay. We like this terroir because it creates fresh acidity, a balanced wine with elegance and finesse. We have consistently made a 100% Cab and cuvée from this unique vineyard.

**Julien Fayard**, *Winemaker*

**Cal Nicholson**, *Owner/Vintner*



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