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88 Turbine Red, Sonoma Valley 2012

The 2012 Turbine Proprietary Red is a blend of 45% Grenache, 41% Mourvèdre and 14% Syrah (similar to a Châteauneuf du Pape from Southern France). Displaying a Mediterranean personality, it is filled with notions of lavender, Provençal herbs, red and black cherries, spice box and pepper. Although not terribly complex, it is medium-bodied, savory and round. It is a good California version of a solidly made, fleshy Côtes du Rhône. Enjoy it over the next 5-6 years. —Robert Parker

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