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Volker Eisele Family Estate 2012 "Las Flores" Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

Volker Eisele was one of those wine industry rarities who enjoyed enormous success in more than one facet of the wine business. For over four decades, German-born (from the northwestern German town of Munster) Eisele was renowned as one of Napa Valley's finest quality grape growers, mastering the art of sustainable organic viticulture and selling his fruit to the likes of Beaulieu Vineyards, Stags Leap, Chappellet, Spring Mountain, Pahlmeyer, Quail Ridge, and others. Most recently, his perfectly conceived Volker Eisele Family Estate winery has reached legendary status among Napa Valley's top producers.

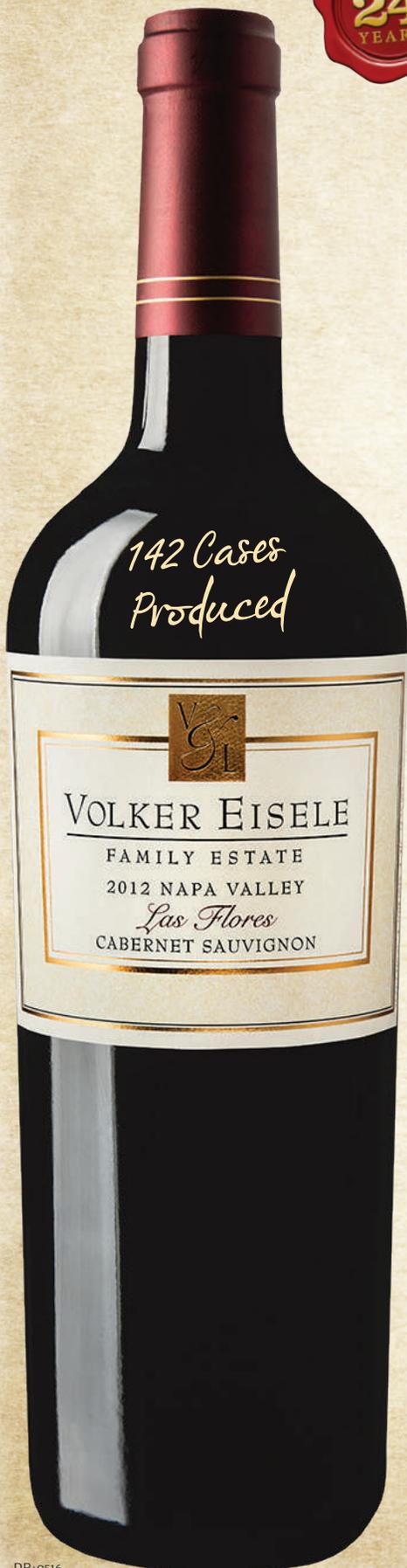
It all began in the early 1970's when Eisele and his wife Liesel (herself a noted landscape architect), decided they wanted to live in the country. They had owned a small weekend house in Napa Valley and decided the bucolic atmosphere was well suited to their needs. They settled in Chiles Valley (on Napa's eastern side) and actually planted their first vines in 1974.

Eisele was fortunate that his property came with a long pedigree that further enhanced his individual pursuit of producing the perfect grape. The 60-acre plot was part of the old Rancho Catacula Mexican land grant that had been given to founder Joseph Chiles in 1843 by the last Mexican governor of California. It was developed for grapes during the 1870's by the Sievers Family, and some of the original buildings and tanks remain on the property today.

Volker Eisele was the first Napa grower to embrace the concept of organic farming and his family proudly continues his legacy of growing exclusively organically certified grapes on their Chiles Valley District estate vineyard. This year, 2016, marks the estate's 42nd year of farming organically.

The call to establish his own winery, the Volker Eisele Family Estate, came in 1997 when Eisele produced 700 cases of his first wine. His wines were met with instant critical acclaim, making Volker Eisele wines highly sought after since the first vintage. His focus was, and still is, on the noble Cabernet Sauvignon.

Volker Eisele passed away in 2015, leaving behind an incredibly impressive legacy that his son, Alexander Eisele, has committed himself to upholding. Following in his father's footsteps, Alexander takes special care in growing high quality organic wine grapes and crafting elegant, estate wines for the family winery.



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94 POINTS -Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*

The fruit for Volker Eisele's 2012 Las Flores Cabernet Sauvignon comes from a section of the estate vineyard called the *Las Flores* block. Deep burgundy in color, this Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of blueberry, black currant, and spicy black plum with a touch of oaky smokiness. In the mouth, the wine is expressive and bold yet creamy and elegant, with flavors of espresso, black plum, cassis, and sweetly charred oak. A hint of vanilla persists on the finish. Aged 21 months in oak. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Enjoy now until 2022.

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