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## 2012 Andrew Will Cellars Sorella

### About this wine

**PRODUCER**

Andrew Will Cellars

**LOCATION**

USA, Washington

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### Tasting Notes

**RATING**

97

**TASTING DATE**

1/10/2018

**MATURITY**

2022 - 2040

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Similar to the Champoux release, the 2012 Sorella is another killer wine from Chris Camarda. Its inky purple color is followed by classic Cabernet notes of crème de cassis, spiced plums, graphite, and crushed rock, and it has a firm, tannic style on the palate that just begs for bottle age. Forget this beauty for 5-6 years and enjoy bottles through 2042.

## 2012 Andrew Will Cellars Champoux Vineyard

### About this wine

**PRODUCER**

Andrew Will Cellars

**LOCATION**USA, Washington, Columbia  
Valley, Yakima Valley**COLOR**[Print Latest Note](#) 🖨️[Find on Wine  
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### Tasting Notes

**RATING**

95

**TASTING DATE**

1/10/2018

**MATURITY**

2020 - 2040

**REVIEWED BY**

Jeb Dunnuck

**SOURCE**

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Chris's 2012 Champoux Vineyard is a sensational wine that offers rich, full-bodied notes of black currants, toasted spice, minerality, plums and wild herbs in a concentrated, deep, layered profile. A serious, concentrated and age-worthy wine, give bottles 4-5 years and enjoy over the following two decades. Bravo!

# Washington Versus Bordeaux

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It's always fun and educational to compare similar varieties from different regions. This small article looks at Bordeaux varieties from the 2012 vintage in Bordeaux and in Washington State.

## 2012 Washington State

The 2012 vintage in Washington State, this was a truly great vintage for the region. It was a warm, even year, not too dissimilar to 2007, and the wines are powerful and concentrated, yet also balanced and structured, with terrific purity of fruit. As I said when tasted these wines on release, 2012 is certainly the greatest vintage since 2007, and one of the top vintages in the region in the past two decades.



*The Crème de la Crème of Washington Bordeaux Blends*

## 2012 Bordeaux

In contrast, the **2012 Vintage in Bordeaux** was slightly less consistent and favored the Right Bank as opposed to the Médoc. This vintage started off with a dismal spring and early summer but turned around dramatically in July with terrific weather holding through the first part of October. This allowed those with warmer terroirs and more early-ripening Merlot to harvest fully ripe grapes. The cooler regions of the Médoc and late-ripening Cabernet Sauvignon suffered from storms in October. Nevertheless, there are some sensational wines made in the vintage (mostly in Saint Emilion, Pomerol, and Pessac) and as these notes show, the wines showed beautifully.

This tasting was held with a group of enthusiasts here in Boulder, CO and was done completely blind. I think the group was surprised at the similarities between the wines and the difficulty in telling the regions apart.

Thanks for reading,

Jeb

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