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V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

2011 Vintage



TASTING NOTES The 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon has beautiful aromatics of plum, cherry, currants, coffee, cocoa and hints of allspice, fresh thyme, tobacco and forest floor. The body is laced with integrated tannins, great freshness and red fruit characteristics.

GROWING SEASON The 2011 growing season began normally with bud break occurring at the end of March. However, due to cool weather, bloom completed two to three weeks later than normal. By mid-June, preparations were underway for the unusually cool growing season. Vines were forced into competition for water by leaving cover crop untilled, delaying irrigation and cluster thinning. An eleven-day warming trend in mid-September helped push grape maturation. Despite mid-season rain and cool weather in 2011, blends were carefully selected, and the wines are fresh, will be long lived, and no doubt continue to evolve and develop.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

85% Cabernet Sauvignon
13% Merlot
2% Petit Verdot

37% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA
25% Yountville — Oak Knoll AVA
13% Suscol — Napa Valley AVA
12% Banca Dorada — Rutherford AVA
7% Barboza & Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA
6% Backus — Oakville AVA

BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for eighteen months in 52% new oak (58% French, 42% American) and 48% used French and American oak barrels before bottling.