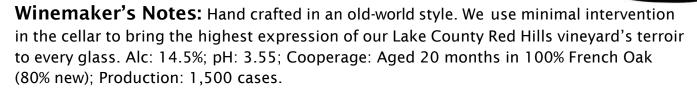


2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Blend: 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard Notes: Grown on our 18-acre estate mountain vineyard at elevations of up to 2,200 feet in rocky red volcanic soil. The vineyard is CCOF Organic and Demeter Biodynamic certified. On the ranch we pursue a true biodynamic "closed system," where biodynamic preparations are sourced primarily from our property. A picturesque aspect of this is our Scottish Highland cattle, which play an important role.

This was our second vintage of cooler than normal summer temperatures. Our mountain vines are accustomed to summer heat. A cool year means that we saw highs between the upper 90s to low 100s with just a few days topping out at 110. Evenings cooled to the high 60s. The coastal cooling influences and long growing season gave this vintage the benefit of long hang-time without elevated sugars. Harvest for the Cabernet Sauvignon began on October 29th and went until November 2nd. Three tons per acre.



Tasting Notes: A classic beauty, this Cabernet is elegant and balanced. This wine is particularly aromatic, perfumed with aromas of cedar, rose petal and black fruit. Woodsy notes with hints of sweet tobacco, cocoa, blackberry, and pepper are complimented by a rich and luscious mouth feel. Opulent, firm tannins and balanced acidity lend structure to the layers of flavor and nuance. Pair with grilled spring lamb chops with peppercorn sauce – or chocolate lava cake!

Accolades



91 Points, Wine Enthusiast "Editor's Choice"

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91 Points, Gold Los Angeles Int'l Wine Competition
Double Gold Int'l Women's Wine Competition
Gold San Francisco Int'l Wine Competition
Gold Tasters Guild Int'l Wine Competition
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