



Hawk and Horse
Vineyards

LATIGO

A FORTIFIED WINE
PRODUCED IN THE PORT
STYLE
Vintage 2011

Appellation: Lake County, Red Hills AVA, California.

Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon wine grapes fortified with

Vineyard Notes: Grown on our mountain estate vineyard at elevations up to 2,200 feet. Red rocky, volcanic soil farmed using Organic and Demeter Biodynamic farming methods.

Vintage Notes: 2011 was a stellar year for growing fruit on our mountain estate. 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 in the upper 90s to low 100s with just a few days topping out at 110. Evenings cooled to the high 60s. This gave the fruit the benefit of long hang-time. Harvest for the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes used in our Latigo began on November second.

Winery Note: Produced in the traditional Late Bottled Vintage Port Style, this wine is fortified with Alembic high proof brandy. Aged 29 months in new French oak before bottling. We use the equestrian term "Latigo" being the supple, red leather strap which hangs off the left or "port" side of a Western saddle to notate this very special California wine. The word was popularized in the Garth Brooks song, *Rodeo* (listen to it here: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-1906249475752496805>)

Tasting Notes: Beautiful dark amber-red jewel tones with deep sultry aromas of ripe roses, delicate smoke and cocoa. Flavors of smooth, rich, black chocolate cherries, pipe tobacco, currants and caramel delight the palate. Balanced tannins and acidity lend structure. Deliciously scented and intensely concentrated; perfect as an after dinner drink or sip with your favorite chocolate! Cigar lover's delight!

Accolades:

Best Of Class San Francisco International Wine Competition
Gold Medal - International Women's Wine Competition
Gold Medal - Denver International Wine Competition

Technical Notes:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon Fortified with Alembic oak aged brandy
Residual Sugar: 13%
pH: 3.5, Alcohol: 18.0%
Cooperage: 27 months in new Marchive French oak from Allier Forest, France
Production: 400 cases
Vineyard Manager: Mitch Hawkins
Winery Manager: Tracey Hawkins
Consulting Winemaker: Dick Peterson

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