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2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
SONOMA COUNTY

VINTAGE

The 2011 vintage started off with a relatively dry winter. Early spring was wet and cold and it delayed bud break. The overcast weather was persistent throughout the spring and cool temperatures, rain, and even hail during the bloom caused low yields. The summer was also cool and the verasion did not occur until August. The harvest began almost four weeks later than average and at a slow pace until the first week of October. Intensive care from vineyards to winemaking enabled us to produce stunning wines with remarkable delicacy.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for this wine were sourced from several vineyards in Sonoma County where generally warmer temperatures prevail. These vineyards range from mountainside which requires intensive viticulture, including canopy management for proper sun exposure, careful leaf removal and irrigation management to ensure vines achieve even and complete berry ripening to valley floor where uniformity and consistency come more naturally.

WINEMAKING

Hand picked at night and in the early morning hours to ensure they remained cool and intact, the grape clusters were brought from the vineyard where they were de-stemmed and crushed. Following fermentation in stainless steel the wines were transferred to French oak for aging (30% new). The wines stayed in barrel for fourteen months with twice yearly racking prior to blending and bottling.

Color Deep red color with ruby highlights

Aroma Inviting lush red fruit aromas of strawberry and red currants with a hint of pepper, all spice, plums and tobacco

Taste This smooth, silky wine coats the palate with intense fruit flavors of cherry and cassis. Sweet oak chimes in to create a beautiful harmony, and fine tannins lengthen the supple texture of this well-balanced, full bodied wine.

Varietal Information

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, 3% Syrah, 3% Tempranillo

Appellation Sonoma County

Alc 13.9% by volume

pH 3.65

TA 6.2 g/l

fire   water   earth   wood   metal

when elements are in balance, harmony exisits.