



2011 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvest Dates: October 10,15,17, 2011

Brix: 24.1 (average)

Ph: 3.55

%Alcohol: 13.5% 13.5%

Production: 98 Cases

What began with a wet winter and spring continued into mid-June, which delayed bloom and disrupted fruit set. This resulted in shatter (not all grapes developing on a cluster) and set the stage for a long, cooler-than-average growing season with a later-than-average harvest coupled with autumn rain storms. The precipitation measured more than a third above normal. While this was good news for water resources, the cloud cover and cool temperatures delayed vine development by several weeks at the onset of the growing season.

Few high heat events occurred at any point this year, but growers managed more open vine canopies to ensure sunlight, warmth and good air circulation around the grape clusters. The shatter resulting from the rains in June left us with very little fruit, but incredible quality. You will note, only 98 cases produced.

This vintage is a really beautiful Cabernet with soft luscious tannins framing flavors of ripe, elegant blackberry, cherry and mocha. There's an enticing finish of sweet oak, but does not overpower the delicious fruit and silky mouth feel. Drink now or lay down for 10 to 15 years.