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2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKING NOTES

Our 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon stays true to the characteristics of the Paso Robles region. Although this vintage was cooler than usual, the distinct microclimate of warm days and cool nights along with its diverse soils greatly attributed to the characteristics of this wine. Garnet in color, this Cabernet Sauvignon invites you in with aromas of pomegranate, red currant, and a spicy layer of white pepper. Flavors of ripe blackberry and black cherry are backed by hints of clove through the finish. Although wild and unharnessed in nature, this wine is mediumbodied, smooth and well-balanced.

APPELLATION

Our 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon was crafted from grapes sourced entirely from the Paso Robles AVA which is located along California's Central Coast about halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles. The Paso Robles AVA is characterized by a wide diversity of soil types, ranging from weathering granite and serpentine to shale and limestone, and it is not uncommon for several different soil types to be present in the same vineyard site. Climatically, the area is known for huge diurnal (day to night) temperature swings—as much as 40 to 50 degrees—during the growing season. This is brought about by a break in the coastal mountain range known as the Templeton Gap, which allows coastal air and fog inland to alleviate the sweltering mid-day temperatures.

VINTAGE

2011 harvest was a challenging, yet interesting one. For most growers, harvest was about four weeks behind schedule due to a wet spring and foggy summer capped by heavy rains the first and second weeks of October. This unseasonably cool and long growing season, ended up giving the grapes plenty of hang-time, allowing them to ripen to full maturity. The resulting wines are promising. Sugars in some are lower than you typically see, but flavors are concentrated and very impressive. Although this year's harvest was very late and very light, there was good fruit maturity and good development overall.

BLEND 97% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Malbec 1% Petit Verdot

VARIETAL	Cabernet Sauvignon
APPELLATION	Paso Robles
VINTAGE	2011
WINEMAKER	Greg Kitchens

ALCOHOL	13.5%
PH	3.64
TA	6.4 g/L
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