



CHAPPELLET

2011 SIGNATURE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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THE WINE

The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon has been our flagship wine for more than three decades. It is a benchmark for the long-lived hillside wines of the Napa Valley; full of structure and aging potential, yet seductively forward in its concentrated varietal character. The dry, rocky soils of Pritchard Hill produce small, intensely flavorful grapes. Crop thinning allows for full, even ripening and further elevates flavor complexity.

GROWING SEASON & HARVEST

2011 was an extremely cold year, where our unique location and four decades of Napa Valley winegrowing experience paid great dividends. Though yields were already relatively low, we aggressively thinned early in the season, doing as many as two to three fruit drops throughout the vineyards to lighten the crop loads. Due to our thin, well-draining mountain soils and cover crops, we had no significant issues with excess moisture. As a result, even though the cool weather delayed all stages of development, our grapes benefited from ample hangtime.

TASTING NOTES

This is an amazingly rich, complex and satisfying wine filled with plush, ripe fruit and abundant spice. On the nose, enticing layers of dark cherry and blackberry combine with rich Bordeaux aromatics of sweet tobacco and cedar. Elements of chocolate and roasted coffee add a hedonistic dimension, with underlying new oak providing sweetness and elegant spice. The palate is broad and mouthfilling, with flavors of juicy, dark fruit, black currant, espresso and bittersweet chocolate. Supple, layered tannins accentuate this wine's velvety richness and weight, while carrying it through to a long, seamless finish.

WINE STATISTICS

Harvested October 15-November 2, 2011

24.8° Brix at Harvest

14.5% Alcohol

TA .55 g/100 ml

pH 3.73

Cabernet Sauvignon 81%

Petit Verdot 12%

Malbec 4%

Merlot 3%