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• G R A P E S O U R C I N G •

Grapes for this wine were sourced primarily from Rutherford vineyards. These vineyards with their well-drained slopes, alluvial clay soils and sunny microclimate result in Cabernet Sauvignon that displays the rich, ripe dark fruit characteristics for which Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has garnered world acclaim.

Appellation: 82% Napa, 12% Rutherford, 6% Atlas Peak

• V I N T A G E •

After a cool, wet spring, 2011 was consistently moderate in temperature for the entire growing season. A slightly smaller crop than normal was challenged by autumn rains, but expert pickers and timely decision making optimized the year's bounty. The wines will show great fruit character, finesse, and fullness in the palate.

Wine analysis: 0.51% total acid, 3.92 pH, and 14.0% alcohol, by volume

• W I N E M A K I N G •

The grapes received a cold-soak maceration prior to fermentation to increase concentration. After fermentation, various blend components were aged for 18 to 24 months in primarily new French Oak barrels. Gentle pressing of the must is essential for getting additional flavor and color, while avoiding the overly drying tannins found in the seeds. The addition of Merlot provides additional smoothness while adding some spicy components and fruity notes.

Varietal blend: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot

• W I N E M A K E R ' S N O T E S •

Our Cabernet Sauvignon is a wine of structure and finesse, with blackberry and cassis fruit aromas and flavors, backed by subtle notes of chocolate and anise. Its suppleness lends it to drinking now, but it will age gracefully over the upcoming decade. The wine lends itself to classic Cabernet fare: Filet Mignon with Wild Mushrooms or a simple grilled New York strip steak.