



2011 GENERATIONS NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY
(80% ST. HELENA, 20% OAKVILLE)

VARIETAL: 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALCOHOL: 14.5% BY VOL.

AGEING: 18-20 MONTHS IN 60% NEW
FRENCH OAK

CASE PRODUCTION: 1,140 CASES

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the 2011 Generations Cabernet Sauvignon are grown in some of the best vineyards and appellations in the Napa Valley. The majority come from a two vineyards on the west side of St. Helena known for sandy soils that produce berries with sweet, ripe tannins. The remaining grapes were sourced from a meticulously farmed knoll-top vineyard at the corner of Oakville Cross Road and Silverado Trail. By blending grapes from the St. Helena and Oakville appellations, we are able to make a wine that truly represents the best of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and honors our five generation history of making wine in the Napa Valley.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

What began as a wet winter and spring continued with rainfall into mid-June. The precipitation totals for the 2011 growing season found the region more than a third above normal in rainfall, and 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. Despite this, we found that the flavors from this vintage developed at lower brix, giving us the opportunity to make truly elegant wine.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Generations is a tribute to the Raymond family's five generations of wine-making in the Napa Valley. This limited production wine is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon and the winery's ultimate expression of this varietal.

Grapes were fermented on the skins for 30-38 days to lend complexity and depth to the wine before being racked to new, tight-grained, medium and medium plus toast French oak barrels for 18-20 months of aging. Only our best barrels from forests in Nevers, Allier and the Center of France were selected for this blend of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2011 Napa Valley Generations Cabernet Sauvignon is a striking dark ruby color in the glass and opens with intriguing aromas of blackberry and mocha that are interlaced with coffee and mineral notes. This is a classically dry wine that displays flavors of blackberry and both red and black currants that are enhanced by a touch of black cherry, ripe tannins and a long, lingering finish. Enjoy this wine over the next 5 to 10 years.