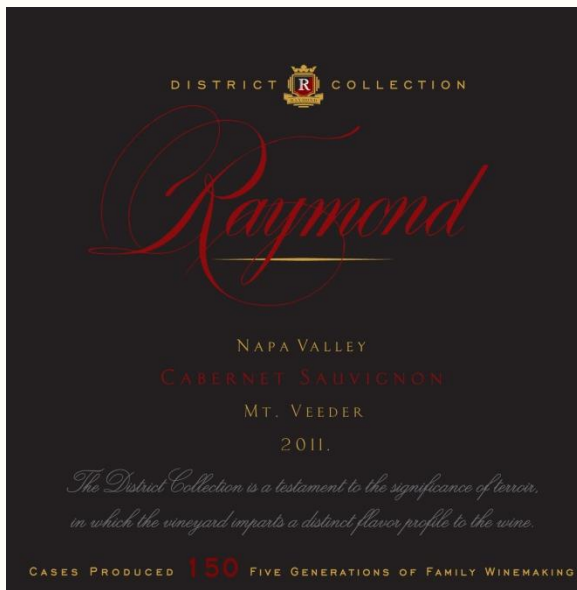


NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2011 DISTRICT COLLECTION MT. VEEDER CABERNET SAUVIGNON



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

PH: 3.81

TA: 6.28 g/L

AGEING: 18 months in French Oak, 45% new French Oak

PRODUCTION: 150 cases

IN THE VINEYARD

Nestled within the Mayacamas Range, the mountain side vineyard that this wine is harvested from benefits from the direct sunlight and well-drained, volcanic soils. This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is a classic expression of Mt. Veeder and displays the signature structured fruit, bold tannins and rich flavors that are associated with the region.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2011 was as challenging as it was educational. The precipitation totals for the 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 wines at lower alcohol levels.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes were fermented on the skins for 25 days with pumpovers twice daily. After fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 18 months in French oak barrels, 45% new French Oak. Tightly grained, French oak barrels from forests in the center of France impart their oak on wines slowly for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2011 vintage exudes aromas of blackberry and allspice with an underlying layer of thyme. This full to medium bodied wine showcases flavors of toasted oak and jam that dance on the palate with just a touch of tobacco. Evolved tannins and perfect acidity lead way for a long, velvety finish.