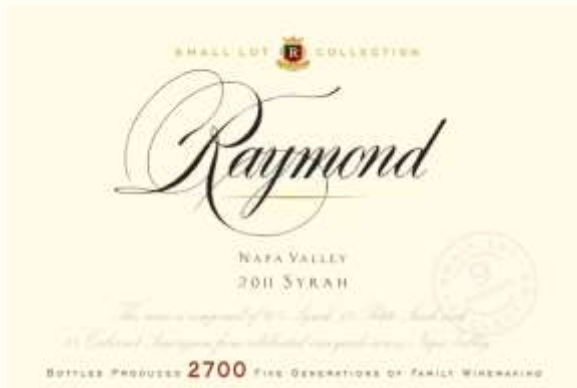




2011 Small Lot Collection Napa Valley Syrah



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietal: 90% Syrah, 6% Petite Sirah, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 15.5% by vol.

pH: 3.78

TA: 6.06 g/L

Fermentation: 18 months in French oak, 15% new

Case Production: 225 cases

In the Vineyard

2011 was as challenging as it was educational. What began with a wet winter and spring continued with rainfall into mid-June. 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 wine.

Conversations With The Winemaker

Our Small Lot Collection Syrah grapes come from prestigious cool-climate Jameson Canyon vineyards. This Syrah is blended with a small amount of Petite Sirah and Cabernet Sauvignon to provide added richness and backbone resulting in perfectly structure wine. The grapes were placed under a 4-day cold soak with a total of 38 days on the skins. This Syrah is 100% barrel-aged for 18 months in Demptos and Nadalie French oak barrels.

Wine Profile

The 2011 Small Lot Napa Valley Syrah opens with alluring aromas of black cherry, plum, and blueberry with subtle hints of lavender and cassis. A luscious palate showcases flavors of raspberry and blackberry, finishing with notes of freshly cracked pepper and cedar. The velvety mouthfeel, balanced acidity, and round tannins lead to a long and full finish.