



CLOS PEGASE
NAPA VALLEY

2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Hommage, Tenma Vineyard, Calistoga, Napa Valley

TENMA VINEYARD, on an alluvial fan in Jericho Canyon in northeastern Calistoga, produces Cabernet Sauvignon wines of deep color and intensity. Our well-drained soils provided the perfect conditions in this cooler vintage, and thus in 2011, our Hommage Cabernet Sauvignon blend was crafted entirely from Cabernet Sauvignon grown in this ideal vineyard locale.

HARVEST NOTES

2011 began with a cooler-than-average winter and spring, accompanied by intermittent rainfall which naturally thinned crop levels through berry shatter. Following delays in bud break, flowering and fruit-set, warmer summer temperatures moved grape maturity forward in an ideal manner. Following an ideal early harvest period, rains arrived in early October, a turn of events requiring extreme measures in the vineyard. Thankfully, the well-drained soils of our estate vineyards allowed us to weather the storms without quality impact and resulted in a small crop of high quality fruit.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The individual lots of wine were racked at the completion of malolactic fermentation in the winter following harvest. In the summer of 2012 the wines were re-evaluated and individual lots were racked as needed. The finished wine blend was put up to tank in late July of 2013 after a total *élevage* of 20 months.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2011 Hommage Cabernet Sauvignon has a dense ruby purple color. This wine has heady and exotic dark fruit notes of ripe black cherries and cassis complemented by scents violets, graphite, black licorice, wild sage and a touch of sweet cedar. This rich Cabernet Sauvignon deftly balances mineral-tinged fruit, cocoa powder tannins and a full mouthfeel with a prominent mid-palate fleshiness and a lengthy refined finish.

LABEL ART

The label art pays homage to Dado (Miodrag Đurić). Born in 1933 in Cetinje, Montenegro, Dado studied in Belgrade before relocating to Paris for his first exhibition, then to Hérouval, France where he began to focus on his aesthetic search for the essence of energy, abandoning details and fine techniques in favor of more colorful Surrealistic compositions. Dado produced *Les Boulangers* in 1968 during his time in Hérouval.

TECHNICAL INFO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD
Tenma Vineyard
Calistoga, Napa Valley

SOIL
Bale Clay-Loam and Sandy Clay-Loam

CLONES
7 and 337

HARVEST DATES
October 26 – October 30

AGING
20 months in 82% new French oak

BOTTLING DATE
August 2013

ALCOHOL
14.5%

RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.03%

