



2010 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Napa Valley

THIS WINE BLENDS THE RICH COMPLEXITY of the *Tenma Vineyard* in Calistoga, the crisp vibrancy of the *Mitsuko's Vineyard* in Carneros, and the spice of the *Dunaweal Vineyard* to perfectly create the best representation of Napa Valley.

HARVEST NOTES

Rainfall, combined with very cool spring growing conditions, pushed bud break, flowering and fruit-set back by at least two weeks. This cool season was unexpectedly punctuated by a two-day heat spike into triple digits, when grapes at various sites experienced some sunburn, which then required subsequent removal prior to harvest. Cooler than average temperatures returned again in early September, but gave way to a welcome, warm and consistent mid-October, resulting in optimal flavor maturity and structural development across the board.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The individual lots of wine were racked at the completion of malolactic fermentation in the winter following harvest. In the summer of 2011 the wines were re-evaluated and individual lots were racked as needed. The finished wine blend was put up to tank in mid-June 2011 after a total *élevage* of 19 months.

TASTING NOTES

The 2010 Clos Pegase Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon shows an intense purple ruby color. It has intense exotic dark fruit notes of ripe black cherry, blackberry coulis and plum framed by violets, black licorice, graphite and a touch of sweet incense smoke. This impressive wine deftly balances voluptuous fruit, ample ripe tannins and broad mouthfeel with a sleek mid-palate and lengthy exotic fruit finish.

TECHNICAL INFO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

Cabernet Sauvignon (82.5%),
Merlot (15%)
Petit Verdot (2.5%)

CLONE

Clones 7 and 337, Montelena and See massale selection Cabernet Sauvignon; Clone 181, Pomerol massale selection Merlot; Clone 6 Petit Verdot

VINEYARD

Tenma Vineyard Calistoga Cabernet Sauvignon (66%), Mitsuko's Vineyard —Graveyard Hill Carneros Cabernet Sauvignon (16.5%), Mitsuko's Vineyard Carneros Merlot (15%), Dunaweal Vineyard Calistoga Petit Verdot (2.5%)

SOIL

Bale Clay-Loam, Sandy Clay-Loam, Haire Clay-Loam and Haire Gravelly Clay-Loam

HARVEST DATES

October 14–October 28

AGING

19 months in 61% new French oak

BOTTLING DATE

June 2012

ALCOHOL

14.8%