



## 2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Napa Valley

**T**HIS 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

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 together with an absence of heat spikes moved grape maturity forward through veraison in an ideal manner. During early autumn, the fruit maintained an ideal path to ripeness, with great flavor development at lower sugar levels. October rains required removal of weather-damaged clusters and leaf pulling to expose clusters to drying breezes. Thankfully, we weathered the storms without quality impact. Vigilance and determination in the vineyard resulted in a small crop of high quality fruit with great freshness, vibrancy and balance.

### 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 early June of 2013 after a total *élevage* of 18 months.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2011 Clos Pegase Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has a dense ruby purple color. This wine has heady and exotic dark fruit notes of ripe black and red cherries and plums complemented by scents of 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 full mouthfeel with a prominent mid-palate fleshiness and a lengthy refined finish.

## TECHNICAL INFO

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

Cabernet Sauvignon (92%)  
Petit Verdot (6%)  
Petite Sirah (1%)  
Merlot (1%)

### CLONE

**Cabernet Sauvignon:** Clones 7 and 337, Montelena and See massale selection, Clone 191; **Petit Verdot:** Clone 6; **Petite Sirah:** Mádralgal massale selection; **Merlot:** Clone 181, Pomerol massale selection

### VINEYARD

**Cabernet Sauvignon:** Tenma Vineyard Calistoga (58.5%), Applebone Vineyard Calistoga (17.5%), Mitsuko's Vineyard—Graveyard Hill Carneros (14%)  
**Petit Verdot:** Dunaweal Vineyard Calistoga (6%)  
**Petite Sirah:** Dunaweal Vineyard Calistoga (1%)  
**Merlot:** Mitsuko's Vineyard Carneros (1%)

### SOIL

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

### HARVEST DATES

October 15–October 30

### AGING

18 months in 55% new French oak

### BOTTLING DATE

July 2013

### ALCOHOL

14.5%