

CARTE BLANCHE



2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

AVA: Napa Valley

VARIETAL: 95.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4.5% Petit Verdot

VINEYARDS: Blossom Creek Cabernet Sauvignon: Napa Valley (60% of blend) Hopper Cabernet Sauvignon: Oakville, Napa Valley (35.5% of blend) Blossom Creek Petit Verdot: Napa Valley (4.5% of blend)

CLONES: Blossom Creek is 337. Hopper is half 4 and half 337. Petit Verdot is a proprietary field selection.

SOIL: Variety of soils; from very rocky, compressed volcanic ash soils of Calistoga's Blossom Creek Vineyard to clayish-loamy soils of the Hopper Vineyard .

ALCOHOL: 15.2%

VINEYARD YIELDS: 2.5 tons per acre average

SKIN CONTACT: 30+ days

BARREL AGING: 18 months

COOPERAGE: 100% French oak barrels from selected coopers Darnajou & Taransaud

MALOLACTIC FERM.: 100% MLF

TASTING NOTE: The nose opens to reveal dried fig, wet cedar, with high notes of black cherry and white pepper. On the palate, the attack reveals silky tannins showcasing blackberry, cassis, dried Provençal herbs and graphite. Bittersweet chocolate, black cherry and tobacco linger on the finish. Fine grain tannins and lively acidity will allow for cellar aging.

CASES: 400 Cases Produced.

RETAIL: \$125

Hand-picked, small lugs hauled with refrigerated truck, double sorting (cluster by cluster and then berry by berry), gently pressed, French Oak barrel aged for 18 months. No fining. No filtration.