



EAGLE GLEN

2011 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



VINEYARD NOTES

Growing Season

The 2011 season began with a brisk and wet spring, with cool temperatures continuing into summer. Trying to combat the unseasonable weather in August, many vineyard managers began pruning the canopies, which left vines vulnerable during heat spikes in September and heavy rains in October. However, those who were able to manage complications and keep the grapes on the vine into October were rewarded with riper fruit and more complex flavor profiles. The 2011 Eagle Glen Cabernet Sauvignon is a reflection of such decision-making — through pragmatic vineyard management, careful selection, and precise blending, a great wine is made.

Location

The 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon represents a blend of carefully-selected lots within multiple Napa Valley vineyards. The Merlot grapes were chosen from two sites just north of St. Helena, and the Cabernet fruit was harvested from three select vineyards within the Oakville AVA. The grapes for the 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon were picked at an average of 26.3° Brix and hand-sorted before a cold soak and stainless steel fermentation.

CELLAR NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley
Harvest Date: October 17-28, 2011
Composition: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon
10% Merlot
Alcohol: 14.5%
pH: 3.68
Acidity: 0.63
Fermentation: Stainless steel
Oak Aging: 12 months
60% new French oak

TASTING NOTES

A classic Napa Valley Cabernet, the 2011 Eagle Glen Cabernet Sauvignon boasts a rich garnet color that fades out to a rosy rim in the glass. Layers of ripe, juicy blackberries and plum come to mind as hints of cedar and spice mingle, slowly rising from the glass. The flavors on the palate echo these aromas, accented by a mouth-watering, chalky mineral backbone. Notes of vanilla and oak play a supporting role as the wine's initial flavors move across the palate and linger with remarkable length and a complex finish.