

2010 GENERATIONS Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY (70% ST.

HELENA, 30% OAKVILLE)

VARIETAL: 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALCOHOL: 15.5% BY VOL.

PH: 3.88 TA: 6.01 G/L

AGEING: 18-20 MONTHS IN 60% NEW

FRENCH OAK

Case Production: 1,000 cases

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the 2010 Generations Cabernet Sauvignon are grown in some of the best vineyards and appellations in the Napa Valley. The majority come from a two vineyards on the west side of St. Helena known for sandy soils that produce berries with sweet, ripe tannins. The remaining grapes were sourced from a meticulously farmed knoll-top vineyard at the corner of Oakville Cross Road and Silverado Trail. By blending grapes from the St. Helena and Oakville appellations, we are able to make a wine that truly represents the best of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and honors our five generation history or making wine in the Napa Valley.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2010 was a relatively cool growing season accented by unexpected heat spikes towards the end of summer that resulted in a late and shortened harvest with lower yields. Our winemaking team was excited about the quality they saw from the vineyards, and were confident that their patience would be rewarded in the end. The grapes had concentrated flavors that are proving to materialize into elegant, structured wines.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Generations is a tribute to the Raymond family's five generations of winemaking in the Napa Valley. This limited production wine is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon and the winery's ultimate expression of this varietal.

Grapes were fermented on the skins for 30-39 days to lend complexity and depth to the wine before being racked to new, tight-grained, medium and medium plus toast French oak barrels for I8-20 months of aging. Only our best barrels from forests in Nevers, Allier and the Center of France were selected for this blend of I00% Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2010 Generations Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon opens with brilliant aromas of blackberry and mocha gracefully accented with hints of black currant and Bing cherry. Vibrant flavors of sweet plum and dark cherry fill the palate of the balanced, complex wine. Enjoyable immediately, the 2010 Generations Cabernet Sauvignon will continue to grow in complexity over the next 10- 15 years.