

RESERVE  SELECTION

Raymond

2010 RESERVE SELECTION NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from our estate vineyards in Rutherford and St. Helena, as well as select nearby growers. Both estate vineyards are located on gravelly alluvial fan soils with good drainage, necessary for growing excellent quality Cabernet Sauvignon. The vineyards are diligently monitored throughout the growing season to balance the crop size and quality. Shoot thinning and leaf removal early in the growing season followed by cluster thinning at veraison, help to achieve evenly ripened grapes with concentrated flavors.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2010 was a relatively cool growing season accented by unexpected heat spikes in 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. This Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is no exception to this memorable vintage.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL: CABERNET SAUVIGNON WITH A SMALL AMOUNT OF OTHER BORDEAUX VARIETALS

ALCOHOL: 14.5% BY VOL.

PH: 3.85

TA: 6.1 G/L

WINE PROFILE

The 2010 Reserve Selection Cabernet Sauvignon opens with rich aromas of currant, black cherry and plum that are harmoniously accented by fragrant notes of raspberry and cocoa. Flavors of ripe cherry and peppery spice compliment the well-structured and complex palate. The long, smooth finish makes this wine the perfect pairing for roast pork tenderloin or hearty pasta dishes. While delicious now, this wine has the potential to be cellared for an additional 5 to 10 years.