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## 2011 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 1,752 cases

Composition: 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot & 6% Petit Verdot

Vineyards: Guck, Red Door, Beau Terre, Jaeger, Holtan, Bardessono, Scala, Hansen, Windy Flats, SCREI, Losey & Knubis

Appellations: Atlas Peak, Oak Knoll & Yountville

Cooperage: 3% new American oak (Radoux Appalachian oak), 9% new French oak (Taransaud and Demptos), 9% new Hungarian oak (Trust and Demptos), 25% Stavin French oak, 56% neutral French, Hungarian, and American oak

Alcohol: 14.8%, TA 0.57, pH 3.80

Bottled: 6/7/2013

Release Date: December 2013

Release Price: \$55.00

2011 was a very cool growing year after heavy spring rains, and with rains from the middle of September into October, right when one would prefer to have lovely weather. Happily, the high elevations such as Baker vineyard really came together with beautiful flavors and ripe tannins towards the end. The Petit Verdot was dense and chewy, and the Merlot from Guck, Red Door and Beau Terre all contributed rich layers. Many intense blending sessions later, we have created this beautiful Cabernet Sauvignon that will be enjoyed for years to come.

### **Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:**

This wine opens nicely with elegant oak, hints of blackberry, cedar, and a black licorice aroma that builds steadily. The palate is quite young, and somewhat restrained. However, the complex mouth feel it had at bottling is building back slowly around its core of deep black cherry and blueberry fruit. The tannins are balanced and graceful giving the wine nice organization. Tasted 11/22/2013.