

Cornerstone Cellars 2011 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



Superbly crafted by blending cabernet sauvignon from our most coveted vineyards Napa Valley Vineyards, the 2011 Cornerstone Cellars Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a complex, balanced expression of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. By layering fruit from the unique mountain climate of Howell Mountain to the classic benchland vineyards of Oakville and the Oak Knoll District. The unique personalities of each cabernet sauvignon vineyard are married together to craft a wine boasting a beautifully rounded mouthfeel and rich complex flavors. Couple this with a precise addition of our Oakville Merlot which provides structure and mid-palate richness and a wine of unique harmony is achieved that exemplifies Cornerstone Cellars Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

Elegance and balance best describes the wines from the Cornerstone Cellars style this vintage. Numerous challenges were provided to viticulturists and winemakers throughout the 2011 vintage. What began with a wet winter and spring continued with rainfall into June that delayed bloom and disrupted fruit set. The mild, steady warmth of the summer months lacked any significant temperature spikes allowing the fruit to ripen slowly, but uniformly with fantastic flavor development. Unusually cool and wet weather returned September and October pushing the vintage even later, but we were rewarded in the end with weeks of amazing weather that provided needed ripening time. The commitment to quality runs deep in this valley, so with our patience and the precision farming of our fantastic growers we were rewarded once again with elegant, well balanced wines.

Complex, vibrantly layered aromatics of black cherry, red plum, anise and savory dried herbs accentuated by notes of blackcurrant, cassis, mocha and a compelling hint of toasted oak wander seductively from the glass of our Cornerstone Cellars 2011 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. A focused entry and an elegant, supple texture on the palate makes the frame for generous flavors of dark cherry, a core of cassis with notes of vanilla and mocha. A broad tannin structure with a lifted mid-palate, enveloped with rich fruit, tie together, lingering on the finish, echoing on the palate long after the final sip. The Cornerstone Cellars 2011 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a wine that will deliver a great deal of pleasure upon release, but has the balance and structure to age for a decade or longer. It's this balance between rich fruit, soft tannins and fresh acidity that is really at the core of this wines appeal.

- 88% Cabernet Sauvignon: Kairos Vineyard, Oak Knoll District, Oakville Station, Ink Grade Vineyard, Howell Mountain
- 12% Merlot Oakville Station
- Harvested early to late October, 2011, 22 months in French Bordeaux oak barrels, 65% new Bottling Date: July 15th., 2013 Cases Produced: 806 cases of 12 x 750mL, 30 bottles of 1.5 L. Bottling Analysis: Alcohol 14.3 %, pH 3.76, T.A.0.560 g/100mL