

## Cornerstone Cellars 2011 Napa Valley 'The Cornerstone'



From the quality of our fruit to the execution of every detail in the cellar, 'The Cornerstone' represents an unwavering will for perfection and abundant passion for excellence. Commanding respect, 'The Cornerstone' is a proud wine representing nobility and elegance highlighting the personalities of each vintage, vineyard and variety as well as the unique terroir that is Napa Valley. We feel 'The Cornerstone' possess all the elements of greatness: individuality, power combined with elegance, extraordinary complexity and remarkable aging potential. The result is an extremely limited production of an ultra-premium wine.

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.

Blending together selected barrels which have distinguished themselves during their aging, the Cornerstone Cellars 2011 Napa Valley 'The Cornerstone' is a masterpiece where the exquisite individuality of three varieties creates a harmonious wine with vitality emphasized over simple power. The authority of the cabernet sauvignon, the suppleness of merlot and the floral intrigue of cabernet franc create a wine endowed with exceptional elegance and finesse. Deep, rich, brooding aromatics of red and black berry fruits, plum, blackcurrant, and anise meld together and open to a lightly roasted mocha and hints of sweet baking spice. Unbelievable elegance and definition graces every inch of the palate with seemingly endless layers of expressive dark red berry fruits, spice and an intense core of cassis supported by polished tannins, suave and energetic with a harmonious acidity providing a terrific inner-mouth energy. Long and flowing in the finish, 'The Cornerstone' has a luxurious presence that will develop for decades.

- 85% Cabernet Sauvignon ,10% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc Oakville Station Vineyard, Oakville
- Harvested early to late October, Aging: 22 months in French Bordeaux oak barrels 100% new
- Bottling Date: July 16th., 2013 Cases Produced: 104 cases of 12 x 750mL, 30 bottles of 1.5L
- Bottling Analysis: Alcohol 14.4 % v/v, pH 3.60, T.A. 0.580 g/100mL
- SRP \$150