

2011 BOUGETZ CELLARS EMINENCE NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2011 Eminence Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 2% Malbec and 2% Petit Verdot.

Time, and air, will be required to approach this wine in its infancy. Deep ruby/purple in color, you well be greeted with dark black and blue fruits, mixed with tea leaves and baking spices. Luscious blueberry flavors are blanketed in a layer of fine grain tannins.

HARVEST NOTES

2011 gave us back to back cooler than normal growing seasons, requiring plenty diligence in the vineyard. Some of the late ripening vineyards were excluded from this vintage as it was difficult to reach full maturation. We harvested Cabernet Sauvignon from warmer locations, Spring Mountain, Oakville and Pritchard Hill, with less influence from Coombsville. With the cooler weather, we were able to allow the fruit to hang for an extended period of time. Other than a small rain squall in October, the harvest weather stayed dry and cool. We ended up harvesting between the last week in October, into the second week in November.



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Harvest date: October 25th through November 8th, 2011

Appellation: Napa Valley

• Brix at harvest: 26.5

Crush: De-stemmed, 100% whole berry

Fermentation: 14-day ferment

 Aging: 21 months, with 75% new French oak, 25% once used

• Alcohol: 14.5%

• pH: 3.75

• TA: 5.87 g/L

Bottled: July 2013

Case production: 165 casesWinemaker: Thomas Bougetz

Suggested retail: \$55