



2011
Cabernet Sauvignon
Estate - El Dorado

Harvest

95.3% Cabernet Sauvignon
4.7% Merlot
Harvest Date: 5 Nov. 2011
Harvest Brix: 24.5 degrees brix
pH: 3.27
Total Acidity: 0.81 g/100ml

Wine

Alcohol: 13.5%
pH: 3.92
Total Acidity: 0.53g./100ml
Barrel Aging: 32 months in
25% new French Oak,
25% new American Oak,
50% 1 year old French Oak
Bottling Date: 15 August 2014
Cases Produced: 120

Winemaking notes

2011 was another challenging vintage. Snow on May 12th caused substantial shoot damage. This made for a 70% crop loss and a loss of three weeks of vine growth. Harvesting almost three weeks later than usual, the grapes were fermented in small $\frac{3}{4}$ ton open top bins, then patiently given thirty months of aging in new French Oak and American Oak developed the complex aromas and interaction of oak and fruit.

Tasting Notes

Explosive aromas of blackberry, cassis and cedar provide an enticement to taste the ripe plum flavors. Rich and full bodied, the wine shows supple tannin structure and finishes with lingering impressions of berries and sweet oak. Tasting great right now this wine will add to any fare and give enjoyment for another five to ten years.

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