

Spiriterra Vineyards

Napa Valley Family Estate

2011 Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Appellation: Napa Valley
Vineyard designation: 100% of Cabernet grapes hand harvested from Spiriterra Vineyards
Alcohol: 13.3%
Production: 96 cases (750 ml)
Total acidity: 6.77 g/L pH: 3.62
Barrel aging: 24 months in neutral French oak
Harvest date: October 28, 2011
Bottling date: December 13, 2013

GOLD MEDAL 2014 NORTH COAST WINE CHALLENGE (94 PTS)
“INTENSE, LONG FINISH” - NCWC JUDGE

THE VINEYARD

Spiriterra Vineyards is a small, family-owned vineyard located in the Howell Mountain hills area east of St. Helena. 100% of our grapes are hand picked from our estate ensuring only the highest quality grapes go into our wine. We are geographically blessed with incredible soils, good mountainside drainage, excellent sun exposure, and extraordinary growing conditions. Long, warm days and cool nights, that allow for a slow accumulation of sugar, provide ideal conditions for properly ripening our grapes. Our two-acre Cabernet vineyard was replanted in 2003 and shares the distinctive honor with its Greenfield Road neighbors for the growing of premium Cabernet grapes. **Wine Searcher named our 2011 vintage ‘one of eleven great Napa Cabernets from 2011’.**

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

Pleasant aroma of dried herbs with fruit peaking through the bushes. With time in the glass the fruit evolves, showing ripe black raspberry richness with notes of red cherry, and eclipses the herbal component. The lively fruit follows in the mouth with a touch of herbs to bring a nice complexity. Young but supple, elegant tannin adds richness and rounds out the mouthfeel. It extends nicely into the long, enjoyable, fruit driven finish where the herbs make yet another appearance to echo their addition to this stylish cabernet. Even though it is approachable now it should improve nicely with age for 8 to 10 years.



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