

ST. FRANCIS WINERY & VINEYARDS

2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON SONOMA COUNTY

STORAGE French Oak

AGING 18 months in barrel

BOTTLING July 2013

ALCOHOL 14.2% by volume

AGING POTENTIAL 3 to 5 years

BLEND PERCENTAGE 76% Cabernet Sauvignon,
16% Merlot, balance from Petit Verdot,
Malbec and Cabernet Franc

VINTAGE

The harvest in 2011 was lighter and later than normal, but fruit quality remained high. The cool growing season gave grapes plenty of time to develop complex flavors and aromas and preserved natural acids. Those attributes created wines that have great structure, balance and rich, concentrated flavors.

WINEMAKING

Fruit for our Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon comes from our estate vineyards in the Sonoma and Russian River Valleys, as well as from growers in Sonoma County's other top appellations, including Dry Creek Valley, Alexander Valley and Rockpile. Each carefully selected vineyard contributes distinctive and individual qualities to the finished wine.

All grapes are gently de-stemmed and crushed before cold-soaking for three days to extract optimal color and flavor. The fruit is then inoculated with many different yeast strains to build complexity, then fermented in separate lots using a combination of pump overs and delestage to soften tannins. Secondary malolactic fermentation occurs in 100% French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Awarded 92 points and a Gold Medal by the 2014 San Diego International Wine Competition, this Cabernet Sauvignon has rich varietal character and body. The wine's firm structure, generous tannins and depth of color complement classic aromas and flavors of black currant, cassis, dusty cocoa and tobacco.

