

PATEL

NAPA VALLEY

2010

Red Wine

PATEL Napa Valley Red Wine is our tribute to Right Bank Bordeaux-style red wines, such as Pomerol. In keeping with Right Bank tradition, Merlot makes up the majority of this offering. Sourced from Tourmaline Vineyards in the Coombsville AVA, the Merlot gives the wine its lush and elegant mouthfeel, and wonderful layers of rich cherry and black fruit. Winemaker Kian Tavakoli added Malbec for its floral aroma and dark fruit flavors, Cabernet Sauvignon for its structure and long, rich finish, and a touch of Petit Verdot for color depth and to provide a tannin anchor.

The PATEL 2010 Red Wine can be enjoyed now in its youth (we suggest decanting an hour or so before), but we recommend cellaring it for a few years to allow the wine to reach optimum maturity and expression. This wine should drink well for seven or more years.

Appellation: Napa Valley

Blend: 70% Merlot, 14% Malbec, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 5% Petit Verdot

Production: 350 cases

Release date: March 1, 2013

Price: \$60

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The 2010 Red Wine has a deep, dark red color with a ruby-garnet hue. The nose expresses a lovely combination of red and black fruits, with subtle, integrated toasty oak notes adding layers of complexity to the aromatic profile. On the palate, the wine is refined, well-balanced and structured. There is a notable fruit intensity that complements the soft tannin level and frames the finish.

WINEMAKING TECHNIQUE

Our wines are truly handcrafted wines. In the vineyard, the clusters were hand-sorted, then de-stemmed and hand-sorted again, berry by berry. We cold soaked the fruit in small, open-top fermenters for four days before starting fermentation. Five weeks later, the fruit was gently pressed and moved to barrel to finish the remaining secondary fermentation. The wine was then aged for 20 months in a combination of French oak barrels (55% new) from two artisan French coopers, Ana Selection and Darnajou. After numerous blending trials, the final blend was bottled, unfinned and unfiltered, then aged for nine months in our cellar before release.

The result is a beautiful Bordeaux-varietal wine that is distinctly Napa Valley in expression: a testament to the perfect balance of power and elegance that Napa Valley's finest have to offer.