

# PATEL

## NAPA VALLEY

### Red Wine 2011

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 added Cabernet Sauvignon for its structure and long, rich finish; Malbec for its floral aroma and dark fruit flavors; and a touch of Petit Verdot for color depth and a tannin anchor.

The PATEL 2011 Red Wine can be enjoyed in its youth (we suggest decanting an hour or so before), but cellaring it for a few years will allow the wine to reach optimum maturity and expression. This wine should drink well for seven or more years.

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Blend:** 65% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon 11% Malbec, and 5% Petit Verdot

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**pH:** 3.69

**TA:** 5.95g/L

**Production:** 377 cases

**Estimated Release date:** March 1, 2014

**Price:** \$60

#### Winemaker notes:

The 2011 Red Wine is a polished, balanced wine. Both the aromas and flavors express lovely black fruits, with subtle, integrated toasty oak notes adding layers of complexity and refinement to the wine's profile.

#### 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 before it underwent fermentation, after which the fruit was gently pressed and the wine moved to barrel to finish the secondary fermentation.

The wine was then aged in a combination of French oak barrels from two artisan French coopers, Ana Selection and Darnajou. After numerous blending trials, the final blend was bottled, unfined and unfiltered.

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.