



2010 Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER PHILIPPE MELKA'S TASTING NOTES

This rich and bold wine exhibits a dense mix of aromas that include blackberry preserves, blueberries, black currants, anise, espresso and cocoa with a touch of minerality. It is enhanced with its expression of hoisin and soy among the concentrated dark, ripe fruit notes. Those layered purple fruit and deep dark licorice flavors envelope the mouth with intense inky and velvety tannins, followed by a wonderful long, lingering finish. As this 2010 evolves in my glass, it is signature ROY Cabernet Sauvignon; seductive and powerful, yet harmonious, showing that wonderful richness and purity of flavor from this unique & special property.

For optimum enjoyment of this wine, please decant and serve at about 64 °F.

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VARIETAL AND HARVEST INFORMATION

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot

Appellation: Napa Valley (nestled in Soda Canyon just south of Stags Leap District)

Blend: 100% ROY Estate - 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot

Harvested: September 30 - October 23, 2010

VINIFICATION

Concrete tanks/Open top fermenters

Maceration Time: 21 days

Malolatic Fermentation: 100% barrel fermentation

BOTTLED

April 10, 2013

FINISHED WINE

Alcohol: 14.5% TA: 5.60 g/l pH: 3.86

BARREL AGE

28 months in new French oak

No fining/No filtration

COOPERAGE

100% new Taransaud French oak

PRODUCTION

350 cases



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A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table Wine from Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Rating: 92-94 (barrel sample)

Drink: 2015-2025

Source: Wine Advocate #204 (Dec. 2012)

The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon presents an intriguing array of smoke, scorched earth, incense, new leather and savory herbs. Tense, full-bodied and opulent, the 2010 brings together the best qualities of this site and the vintage. The 2010 is unusually vivid, nuanced and complex for such a big wine.

Proprietor Shirley Roy and her consulting winemaker Philippe Melka have done a great job with these current and upcoming releases. One of the key attributes of Roy's wines is their early accessibility. The 2009's have turned out just as well as I had hoped, while the 2010's – the product of tiny yields – are a touch more complex.

— Antonio Galloni