



2010 Proprietary Red Wine

WINEMAKER PHILIPPE MELKA'S TASTING NOTES

The nose reveals finesse and extremely pretty aromatics of blueberry, wild berry, blackberry, mocha, espresso and violet. The mouthfeel has great focus, but in a very seductive style. Layered with creamy sweet exotic flavors, dark chocolate, sweet black cherry and flowers reminiscent of good acidity, this wine finishes with great length and sexy powerful tannins. The oak integration is spectacular, which is great sign for quality. The classic ROY Estate terroir truly expresses her voice as the wine opens and continues to evolve in the glass. The elegance of flavors melts into your palate with ripe fruit characters, earthy tones and freshness, followed by a pleasuring measure of finesse.

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

APRIL '13

VARIETAL AND HARVEST INFORMATION

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot

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

Blend: 100% ROY Estate 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot

Harvested: September 29 - October 21, 2010

VINIFICATION

Concrete tanks/Open top fermenters

Maceration Time: 21 days

Malolactic Fermentation: 100% barrel fermentation

BOTTLED

September 14, 2012

FINISHED WINE

Alcohol: 14.5% TA: 5.77 g/l pH: 3.77

BARREL AGE

21 months in new French oak

No fining/No filtration

COOPERAGE

100% new Taransaud French oak

PRODUCTION

650 cases



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A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table Wine from Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Rating: 91

Drink: 2015-2025

Source: Wine Advocate #204 (Dec 2012)

Roy's 2010 Proprietary Red has a little more delineation and nuance than the 2009. Freshly cut flowers, violets, super ripe dark fruit, mocha, espresso, chocolate, plums, cassis and black currants all jump from the glass in this opulent full-bodied huge wine. Layers of fruit continue to build to the creamy, expressive finish.

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 2009s have turned out just as well as I had hoped, while the 2010s – the product of tiny yields – are a touch more complex.

—Antonio Galloni