



## 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon

### WINEMAKER PHILIPPE MELKA'S TASTING NOTES

Mother Nature not only set the pace for 2011, but also dictated extremely low yields. ROY harvested 16 tons (less than 1 ton per acre, 1 cluster per shoot). We crafted a very special wine that is distinctive with beautiful body and color, very refined & super expressive. There is an intensity in the nose that just jumps out of the glass. These aromatics reveal red fruit, wild berries, chocolate cherry and a little floral that is layered with sweeter dried herb and underforest notes in the background. Complimenting the fruit aromatics are very expressive aromas that include French vanilla oak, almond, nutmeg and exotic spices with layers of stone minerality that really explode from the glass. The 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon is so very interesting and intriguing both aromatically and texturally on the palate; finishing with those signature ROY silky and smooth tannins. It's got wonderful richness, good mouth feel, intense precision, elegance as harmonious, layered and polished. A very unique expressive wine crafted in a very unique challenging vintage. People are going to really enjoy this wine!

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

SEPTEMBER '14

#### 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 - 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot

Harvested: October 19-27, 2011

#### VINIFICATION

Concrete tanks/Open top fermenters

Maceration Time: 21 days

Malolactic Fermentation: 100% barrel fermentation

#### BOTTLED

August 16, 2013

#### FINISHED WINE

Alcohol: 14.7% TA: 5.66 g/l pH: 3.74

#### BARREL AGE

20 months in new French oak

No fining/No filtration

#### COOPERAGE

100% new Taransaud French oak

#### PRODUCTION

200 cases



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Rating: 92+

Drinking window: 2015-2026

Source: vinous (Nov 2013)

Grilled Provençal herbs, mint, licorice, graphite, ash, smoke and fennel jump from the glass in the 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2011 is wonderfully alive and nuanced, with classically firm 2011 tannins and terrific balance. The aromas and flavors are intensely mineral and savory, giving the 2011 a savage quality that is distinct and beautiful. Shirley Roy's Cabernet Sauvignon shows plenty of promise in 2011.

-Antonio Galloni