



2011 Proprietary Red Wine

WINEMAKER PHILIPPE MELKA'S TASTING NOTES

The Roy Estate vineyard produced two solid wines in 2011. From a very difficult and challenging winemaking vintage the extremely low yields produced Roy's signature aromatics with purity of flavor, depth, and finesse. This wine fills the glass with dense rich fruit aromas of raspberries, dark blackberries, rose petal, chocolate, sage, mint, & anise. Bright notes of French vanilla, mocha and caramel explode from the glass, adding many levels of complexity to the intriguing fruit aromas. It exhibits those approachable soft rounded tannins with a silky integration of great layers, richness and depth with that wonderful long, lingering finish. Another beautiful expression of Roy.

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, Merlot and Petit Verdot

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

Blend: 100% ROY Estate 69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 9% Petit Verdot

Harvested: October 19 - 28, 2011

VINIFICATION

Concrete tanks/Open top fermenters

Maceration Time: 21 days

Malolactic Fermentation: 100% barrel fermentation

BOTTLED

August 16, 2013

FINISHED WINE

Alcohol: 14.5% TA: 5.29 g/l pH: 3.75

BARREL AGE

20 months in new French oak

No fining/No filtration

COOPERAGE

100% new Taransaud French oak

PRODUCTION

400 cases



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Rating: 90

Drinking window: 2015-2021

Source: vinous (Nov 2013)

Roy's 2011 Proprietary Red wraps around the palate with sweet dark raspberries, mocha, espresso, plums, spices and menthol. This is a surprisingly round, inviting wine for the year, with no hard edges and open, inviting personality that is hard to resist. Sweet, silky tannins support the generous finish. This is a terrific showing for the year.

-Antonio Galloni