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2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Vintage

The 2011 growing season proved to be a challenge in Napa Valley. A wet winter and spring extended with rainfall into mid-June, delaying bloom and set. A long, cool growing season followed, which forced growers to open canopies to ensure sunlight and warmth. Harvest was further hampered by autumn rain storms, which encouraged an earlier-than-normal harvest. Overall, quality of fruit is high, and lower alcohols are expected for the vintage.

Vineyards

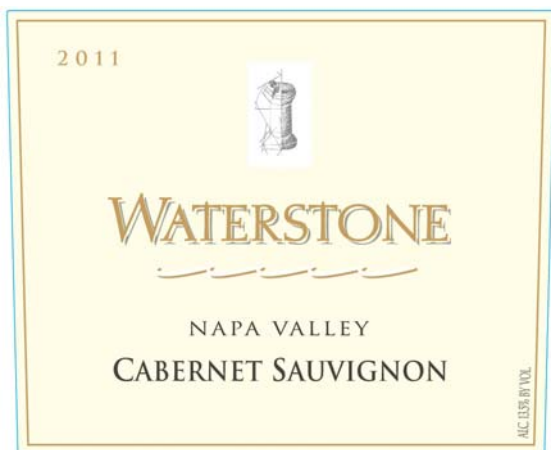
Well-established hillside vineyards are the foundation of this wine, giving the finished blend its intense inner core of fruit. The complexity and balance of this vintage was achieved through diverse sourcing.

Vinification

Following destemming, the hand-picked grapes were stainless steel-fermented and received extended skin contact before being transferred to barrels. The wine was aged in small French oak barrels for 24 months (80% new barrels) where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked prior to bottling.


Tasting Notes

Aromas of cedary oak, currants, black cherries and ripe plums are rich and concentrated on the palate.. The firm tannins underlying the wine's core provide balance, leading to a long, lingering finish. The 2011 vintage is reflected in this wine, favoring balance to overt ripeness.



Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	85% Cabernet Sauvignon 13% Merlot 1% Cabernet Franc 1% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	13.8%
TA	0.60 g/100ml
pH	3.72
Oak Aging	24 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 80% new
Bottling Dates	December 16-19, 2013
Production	5170 cases



Philip Zorn, Winemaker