



2011 Two-Iron Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Varietal Comp:	92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 2% Petite Verdot
Harvest Date:	October 10th, and 12th
Brix at Harvest:	23.6-25.2
Finished pH:	3.59
Finished TA:	0.612 g/100ml
Vineyard Locations:	CS: Coombsville, ME: Calistoga, PV: Napa Valley
Alcohol content:	14.3% by volume
Case production:	492 cases
Release date:	September 1st, 2013

The 2011 vintage was long and cool. The season progressed abnormally over the summer as no heat spikes pushed the fruit into a normal ripening period. This was the third unusually late harvest and judicious thinning in the vineyard early on yielded dividends for conservative farmers. The Cabernet, Merlot and Petite Verdot used for this wine were all based on small crops and low yielding vineyards. We were fortunate to be able to pick the fruit when it was ripe and prior to late fall rains.

These beautiful grapes were hand-picked and sorted before gentle destemming and fermentation in small stainless steel tanks for a total maceration period of 25 days. After fermentation, the wine was racked to small, French and American oak barriques for 18 months to allow mellowing and complexity. It was bottled on April 4th, 2013 released on May 1st, 2013. Only 492 cases were produced.

Cabernet Sauvignon is the king of red wines and the Napa Valley is world-famous for producing big, bold wines of outstanding character. Merlot and Petite Verdot were judiciously blended to produce a wine of structure, flavor and balance. It will pair with Filet Mignon to hamburgers. It will enhance food from the Cart Lady or Snack Shack to the Members Dining Room. It will age well for a decade or more, but is drinking well now.

“Although not everyone can hit a Two-Iron, go ahead, take a sip! This is one big stick that is easy to swing!”