2010 Estate Élu
Napa Valley Red Wine

Winemaker’s Notes:
This red Bordeaux varietal blend has deep, vibrant purple hues. A complex nose of blackberry and cassis laced with milk chocolate, mocha and molasses intertwine with cedar and toasted vanillin notes of cellar maturation. Flavors of blackberry, black cherry and bright ripe currant couple with vanillin and maple and are framed by a fine tannin structure. This is an elegant, graceful red wine with center, structure and charm.

Growing Season:
The 2010 growing season presented us with lower than average temperatures and good rainfall. Summer ranged from very mild to being quite cool, allowing even and steady fruit ripening. August had excellent temperatures, accelerating maturation with a brief hot spell. The mild summer resulted in a long hang-time for the fruit yielding tremendous flavor intensity and development.

Winemaking:
The fruit was harvested in the cool morning hours, then crushed to tank where fermentation commenced after a brief period of resting on skins. Warm fermentation temperatures were encouraged to achieve the desired color and structure for the wine before an extended maceration time on skins prior to final pressing. The wine was transferred directly to barrel for 28 months of maturation.

Appellation
Napa Valley

Vineyard
Rutherford Estate Vineyard
Dollarhide Estate Vineyard

Variety/Blend
76% Cabernet Sauvignon
17% Merlot
4% Petit Verdot
2% Malbec
1% Cabernet Franc

Oak Maturation
100% French oak (59% new French oak) for 28 months

pH
3.64

T. Acidity
6.4 g/L

Residual Sugar
< 0.1%

Alcohol
14.7%

Harvest Dates
October 11 – October 22, 2010

Bottling Date
September 6, 2012

Case Production
2,144 cases

Suggested Retail Price
$75.00