

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

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