



NAPA VALLEY
2011 Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE NOTES

Napa Valley's 2011 growing season started with abundant rainfall extending through June. The rain delayed bud break and flowering and continued to disrupted fruit set. The rainy season was followed by a cool summer that led to slow ripening several weeks behind normal. Ultimately patience prevailed, and by waiting to pick until the grapes had fully matured, we were able to harvest high quality fruit with ripe, rich flavors.

VINEYARDS

To create Emblem Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, we sourced grapes from Napa Valley's finest winegrowing regions to create a blend that truly represents the entirety of Napa Valley - fruit from hillside vineyards at our Oso estate in Northeast Napa were blended with valley floor fruit from Rutherford. By blending fruit from Napa's volcanic hillside soils and the deeper alluvial soils of the valley floor, we accomplished our goal of crafting a wine that boasts a beautifully rounded mouthfeel and layers of rich, complex flavors.

WINEMAKING

After the grapes were gently hand-harvested, de-stemmed and crushed, the juice fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks, with an extended post-fermentation maceration that beautifully married flavors and tannins, giving our Emblem Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon its lovely, seamless texture. Malolactic fermentation in barrel, combined with 15 months aging in French oak (66% new), further concentrated the wine's rich cherry, dark berry, and cassis flavors, adding subtle nuances of toasted vanilla and toffee.

Through numerous barrel tastings and blending trials, a final blend including small amounts of Syrah, Petite Sirah Zinfandel, Petit Verdot and Merlot help make this wine accessible today for immediate drinking while still maintaining the Cabernet structure for extended cellaring.

*76% Cabernet Sauvignon – 7% Syrah – 6% Petite Sirah – 4% Zinfandel – 4% Petit Verdot – 2% Merlot
5.48 g/l total acidity; 3.79 pH; 14% alc. by vol.*

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For four generations our family has crafted world-class wines in the Napa Valley. Emblem is the latest chapter in our family story, and we're excited to share these beautiful wines with you. Emblem wines are made at the Michael Mondavi Family Estate in Napa, California and they are a personal reflection of our past and future in the Napa Valley, expressing the unparalleled quality of the land's fruit and our family's rich winemaking heritage.