

2010 HARTWELL ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON
STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY



*100% Hartwell Estate Vineyards
Stags Leap District, Napa Valley
90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot*

*Harvested September 19th - October 23rd, 2010
Aged 20 months in 100% new French oak barrels
Release Date: Fall 2013*

The 2010 vintage will be remembered for its unique challenges. Record-breaking low temperatures and unusually high rain totals occurred throughout the spring, leading to a delay in budbreak. Summer remained cool with the second coldest July in 50 years in the Bay Area. These conditions led to vigorous vine growth of both shoots and leaf canopies increasing the possibility of mold and botrytis. Many growers dropped crop and pulled leaves, opening up the canopy for additional sun exposure and better airflow. Then, on Aug. 23, the serious heat came. Temperatures soared well above 100 degrees for several days, breaking records around Northern California. Many grapes burned and raisined in the heat, leading to extensive crop loss. However, despite these challenges, and the late rains in October, we have produced powerful wines with great fruit expression and amazing mouthfeel.

The 2010 Hartwell Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon displays soaring aromatics of blackberry liqueur, melted licorice, roasted coffee bean and baker's chocolate, with subtle hints of baking spices and sweet cedar. The full-bodied palate showcases luscious flavors of macerated blueberries, blackberry syrup, sarsaparilla and mocha cappuccino, defined by a structure of smooth and fine-grained tannins. As the flagship wine in our portfolio, the 2010 Hartwell Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon offers early drinkability and promises to gain in complexity as it evolves over the next two decades.

Benoit Touquette, Winemaker

*Grow the best grapes....
....Make the best wine.™*