

2010 HARTWELL SWEETHART CABERNET SAUVIGNON

STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY

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2010

SweetHart
Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY
STAGS LEAP DISTRICT

Alc 14.5% Bg Vol



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*100% Hartwell Estate Vineyards
Stag's Leap District, Napa Valley
100% Cabernet Sauvignon*

*Harvested: November 15, 2010
Aged: 36 Months
Cases Produced: 25
Release Date: July 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 bud break. Summer remained cool, and was 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.

The 2010 vintage was an ideal year to leave a small block of Cabernet Sauvignon hanging just long enough to increase sugars and harvesting just before noble rot (botrytis) set in. Immediately upon picking, the fruit was pressed then aged in a single heavy toasted (HTT) barrel for up to 48 months.

The 2010 Hartwell SweetHart Cabernet Sauvignon dessert wine 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 ultra fine-grained tannins.

This dessert wine can be enjoyed upon release, while time in the bottle will enhance it's depth and character for years to come.

Benoit Touquette, Winemaker

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