

2011 HARTWELL ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON
STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY



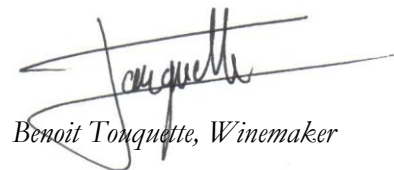
*100% Hartwell Estate Vineyards
Stags Leap District, Napa Valley
75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot*

*Harvested October 1st - October 23rd, 2011
Aged 18 months in 100% new French oak barrels
Release Date: Fall 2014*

The 2011 growing season was very challenging for most California winegrowers. It started with a wet winter and spring, continuing with rainfall into mid-June that delayed bloom and disrupted fruit set. Thus setting the stage for a long, cooler-than-average growing season with a later-than-average harvest marked by autumn storms. All of the cloud cover and cool temperatures delayed vine development by several weeks.

A few high heat events occurred towards the end of the growing season. However, we opened up the vine canopies to ensure sunlight, warmth and good air circulation around the grape clusters. Rain in October caused further delays, but we were able to get good hang time and reach full maturity development. 2011 was a year of patience.

The 2011 Hartwell Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon exhibit plum, black cherry, mocha, cloves, French oak and espresso notes that jump from the glass. The style is quite ripe, forward and opulent, especially for the year. As the flagship wine in our portfolio, the 2011 Hartwell Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon offers early drinkability and promises to gain in complexity as it evolves over the next two decades.



Benoit Tonquette, Winemaker

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