



EISELE VINEYARD 2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEGROWING INFORMATION

The 2011 vintage highlights the very character of the Eisele Vineyard. During spring, the vineyard was nearly through flowering when late spring rains reduced fruit-set elsewhere in the region. The cool temperatures of summer allowed the average-sized crop to mature evenly, and the vineyard had almost reached optimal ripeness when storms delivered early rain. Harvest started late September, concluding a season that required considerable patience to achieve tannin and phenolic ripeness, as each parcel came to optimum maturity one after the other. The rigorous pre-sorting in the vineyard reduced the challenge of the second sorting at the winery, as the regular crew of a dozen in the vineyard was augmented until 50 workers were removing affected berries, cluster by cluster. The last parcels of Cabernet were picked on October 23rd. Fermentations in small tanks proceeded without delay. The wine was then aged in new French oak barrels for 19 months and bottled in August 2013.

TASTING NOTES

Our winemaking team notes *“The Eisele Vineyard terroir showed its pedigree in 2011. This Cabernet is vibrant and fresh, layered with distinctive minerality and nuance. The ethereal tannins are simply melted throughout, supporting a delicious texture and prolonged by a lingering finish. The 2011 Eisele Vineyard Cabernet combines deep energy and elegance with a sense of restraint, providing great pleasure even at this early stage of its life.”*

GRAPE SOURCE

98% Cabernet Sauvignon
2% Cabernet Franc
Napa Valley

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