

2011 PLUMPJACK ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, OAKVILLE



Varietals: 93% Cabernet Sauvignon

7% Petite Verdot Alcohol: 14%

PLUMPJACK ESTATE VINEYARD

Our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from the forty-two-acre vineyard that surrounds our winery on the valley floor in the heart of Oakville. The east side of our estate lies along the foothills of the Vaca mountain range, where well-draining hillside soils yield grapes of bold fruit character. To the west, our estate reaches the Napa River flood zone, where vines take root in rich, deep clay soils, for grapes with soft, supple varietal character. Thanks to this expressive range, our estate wines have become known for their intriguing complexity.

HARVEST

During the 2011 growing season, Oakville enjoyed mild, sunny days with belownormal temperatures. This allowed our estate vines to ripen slowly and evenly, with rich color and classic PlumpJack expression. Grapes reached full maturity well before the fall rains.

FERMENTATION & AGING

Fruit for our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon underwent pre-fermentation maceration (a "cold soak") then fermented between 12 and 21 days, depending on each small vineyard lot. Malolactic fermentation was completed in barrel. The wine received 18 months of aging in 100% French oak (80% new). The wine was stirred on its lees for the first four months of aging, racked three times during the first year of aging, and racked twice during the second year. We selected oak barrels from Taransaud, Sylvain, Demptos, Seguin Moreau and Nadalie, with toast levels ranging from medium to heavy. The wine aged an additional eight months in bottle prior to release.

BOTTLED

May 7, 2013

IMPRESSIONS

The 2011 PlumpJack Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is fresh and lively with its expressive fruit and layered notes of dried red fruits, vanilla, cinnamon, sage and fresh herbs that carry over onto the palate. Dark, nuanced and beautifully woven together demonstrating impressive balance and structure.

