



THREE STICKS



2011 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD NOTES

The grapes for our inaugural bottling of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon are sourced from two AVAs: Rutherford and Atlas Peak.

Ithaca Vineyards, Rutherford – strategically located in the heart of the Rutherford bench, the block we sourced from was planted in 2005, all clone 169. Well drained, gravelly, loamy red soils with volcanic deposits define this premium site along with benchland exposure.

Elkington Setty Ranch, Atlas Peak – 1600-1700' elevation, north-south row orientation, with ideal south/southwest exposure, situated on the eastern shoulder of Atlas Peak, believed to be the site of one of the earliest planted vineyards on Atlas Peak going back to the 1880's. 35-40 year old vines. Rocky, well drained volcanic soils predominate.

VINTAGE NOTES

2011: Wet winter weather followed into spring allowing for fairly ample vine growth at initial stages of vine cycle. Drier weather followed for much of the spring and set was excellent. Unseasonable rain in June, and cooler than normal conditions prevailed through much of the summer. Veraison was later than normal and more weather followed in October. Fruit for the 2011 Napa Cabernet was all hand harvested and triple sorted on two days, October 22nd and 24th. Evidence in the final product indicates that hands on vineyard management throughout the growing season at both properties allowed for much of the vagaries of the growing season to be mitigated.

TECHNICAL SPECS

APPELLATION:
Napa Valley

VINEYARDS:
Ithaca Vineyard and Elkington Setty Ranch

VARIETAL CONTENT:
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

BARREL AGEING:
28 Months

BARREL COMPOSITION:
100% French Oak, 60% New

FERMENTATION:
Open Top Fermentors

PRODUCTION:
133 Cases

HARVEST:
October 22nd & 24th

TOTAL ACIDITY (TA):
0.67g per 100ml

PH:
3.60

ALCOHOL CONTENT:
14.7%

WINEMAKER:
Don Van Staaveren

LENGTH OF FERMENTATION:
10 days

EXTENDED MACERATION:
Up to six weeks