



2011 HAYNE VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The Hayne Vineyard is situated in St. Helena at the base of the Mayacamas Mountains and is well known for its single vineyard wines from the site. The vines are small to moderate in size due to the gravelly, loam soils and the vineyard produces small yields. The warm St. Helena temperatures are ideal for producing sweet, jammy fruit and this vineyard tends to be picked at the beginning of harvest each year.

HARVEST NOTES

In 2011, cloud cover in the winter and early spring delayed the year's growing season, but above average rainfall filled the reservoirs. Bloom this year occurred in June, which is the latest on record, so we opened up the canopy in order to allow more light in to ripen the fruit. A cool summer without any real heat spikes offered a slow ripening period, and the fruit looked beautiful on the vines. Without the extra heat, sugar levels remained low and we waited to harvest the fruit until mid-October, allowing for great flavor and tannin development.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2011 Hayne Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of berry, vanilla and spice. On the palate, a nice combination of cherry and wild berry fruit is married with an enchanting mix of vanilla and herb. Toasty oak adds an intriguing nuance to the flavors, while the texture is round and soft. This wine is remarkably balanced and shows beautifully, even in its youth.

APPELLATION

St. Helena, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(48% new, 52% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

September 2014

HARVEST DATES

October 13 - 15, 2011

SKIN CONTACT

9 - 12 days

TIME

18 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2009