



## MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

# Jefferson Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon

ESTATE GROWN IN THE NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2011

### TASTING NOTES

This wine has ripe berry fruit and spice aromas. There are nice dark cherry, mocha and coffee tones on the nose. On the palate the wine has a powerful entry; the wine is expansive and fills the palate. The tannins are nicely structured and provide a great framework for the wine. I find black cherry, blackberry, coffee all layered with intense smoky tones on the palate. The wine is well balanced and is showing some firm tannins in its youth which will allow it to age gracefully for years to come. This wine is best enjoyed from a decanter, 30-45 minutes after opening.

Drink Now through 2023.

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

### WINEMAKING NOTES

The Jefferson Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon blend is always an enjoyable wine to assemble each year. We generally have a relatively high proportion (up to 25%) of varietals other than Cabernet Sauvignon used in the blend so we can explore some additional layers of interest in terms of varietal aromas and textural complexity. Historically, Merlot has been a primary blending component for this wine, as we have really enjoyed the pairing of the soft tannin-higher acid Merlot with the higher tannin-lower acid Cabernet lots. Cabernet Franc has long played a supporting role in the Jefferson Cuvee blend up until 2009, when we blended with Cabernet Franc as the primary blending component. 2011 marks our 13th vintage of Cabernet Franc winemaking, and we have learned a lot about the grape over those years. With careful farming and patience nearing harvest, we feel that the grape has earned its place as a master blender in our cellar.

Our 2011 Jefferson Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon is a great example of the benefits of our estate vineyards. We employed a lot of patience in a cool vintage and let the fruit hang and hang until we felt it was ready. Most of our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes hung in the vineyard until the end of October; some of the grapes picked in early November.

### VINEYARDS, VINTAGE AND VINIFICATION

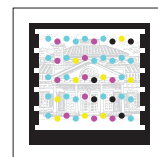
Cabernet Sauvignon	State Lane Vineyard - <i>Yountville</i>
Cabernet Sauvignon	Tietjen Vineyard - <i>Rutherford</i>
Cabernet Sauvignon	Yewell Vineyard - <i>St Helena</i>
Cabernet Sauvignon	Home Ranch Vineyard - <i>Oak Knoll District</i>
Cabernet Sauvignon	Knollwood Vineyard - <i>Oak Knoll District</i>
Cab Franc	Home Ranch Vineyard - <i>Oak Knoll District</i>
Cuvee	75% Cabernet Sauvignon / 25% Cabernet Franc

Oak - 50% New French Oak, 10% New American Oak

Alcohol - 14.1%

### FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTION

Roast Beef Tenderloin with Mushroom Ragout



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