



2010 Hesperian Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley

Description

This is a dark, mysterious and oh so succulent wine. Loads of cassis, cassis budwood, boxwood, cedar, sweet tobacco and blood. A rich, dense, balanced and creamy wine with crunchy, classy tannins. Ripe, dark fruits meld with flowers, smoke, licorice, tar and mineral as this fresh and vinous red opens up in the glass. There is a wonderful purity and sheer density to the fruit that caresses the palate all the way through to a very long cassis stem finish.

Vineyards

65.6 % Hagen Vineyard - Coombsville is located just north east of the town of Napa and 9 miles from the San Pablo Bay. This results in a cooler climate, slower ripening and longer hang time which means more intense flavors.

34.4% Paul's Vineyard, between the town of Napa and Stags Leap district. Cooler part of Napa for longer hang time.

The Harvest

2010 was a relatively cool vintage. Bud break started later than normal which pushed back the physical development of the vines and hence the berries. Heat spikes in August and September allowed for a final push to maturity. I harvested the 13th of October before heavy rains the following day. The challenges of 2010 were rewarded by concentrated flavors, elegant structure and one of my best wines to date.

ALCOHOL: 14.4%
CÉPAGE: 77% Cab Sauv, 23% Cab Franc
ÉLEVAGE: 19 Months, 60 % new French Oak
PRODUCTION: 287 cases
OPTIMAL AGING: 2015-2030

