



2010 Split Rock Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage Notes The 2010 harvest was early and challenging. We picked our Cabernet Sauvignon in October when the fruit was at its optimal balance, following a growing season beginning with historically high levels of rainfall and culminating with a prolonged heat wave. The crop was modest and production rigorous, but the results of careful sorting showcased the best of a terroir-driven vintage.

Varietal Composition 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Clonal Selection 7, 8, 337, 191

Technical Data Alcohol: 13.5%
Total Acid: 0.57 g/L
pH: 3.79
Average Brix: 26.2 degrees (at harvest)

Release Notes 86 cases produced
Bottled August 7, 2013
Released: August 1, 2014

Winemaker Our wine is the creation of acclaimed winemaker Timothy Milos. He shares his vision with our family to produce extraordinary wines that, in Tim's words, "accurately reflect their variety and the site on which they are grown."

Vineyard Notes The Viluko Vineyards 2010 Split Rock Cabernet Sauvignon was made from a selection of 4- and 5-year old vines yielding less than ½ ton per acre. It is a smooth, seductive wine designed to enjoy earlier than our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon. The vineyard is planted to Clones 7, 8, 337, and 191 on a steep, gravelly hillside facing east by southeast, enjoying cool evening air from the Russian River. Our 35% grade hillsides with elevation variances of 600 to 1100 feet above sea level add to the dimensional complexity of our wines.

The fruit was hand-harvested on a single day in October, destemmed and allowed to soak on the skins for 4 days cold prior to a wild fermentation. The fermentation was pumped over twice daily and allowed to macerate on the skins for a total of 47 days from crush to press. The wine was pressed into French oak barrels, 50% new, where it underwent malolactic fermentation and was aged for a total of 18 months before it was bottled without fining or filtering.

Tasting Notes Our 2010 Split Rock release is a balanced yet well-structured wine whose bouquet overflows with molasses, red currant, cherries, and licorice. The wine is lively on the palate, with fresh flavors of currants and cherry, followed by black tea, mint and pomegranate liqueur. The wine finishes as it begins, with fresh fruit and velvety tannin, sweet cocoa, and baking spices.