



2011 Split Rock Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage Notes

The cool summer prolonged the growing season which allowed for fully developed flavor and modest tannins.

Varietal Composition

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.9%

TA: 5.5 g/L

pH: 3.68

Average Brix: 23.9 degrees
(at harvest)

Clonal Selection

7, 8, 337

Release Notes

294 cases produced

Bottled on August 6, 2013

Released on December 9, 2014

Vineyard Notes

The Viluko Vineyards 2011 Split Rock Cabernet Sauvignon was made from a selection of 4- and 5-year old vines yielding less than 2 tons 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 October 27, 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 44 days from crush to press. The wine was pressed into French oak barrels, 25% 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

The 2011 Split Rock comes from a cool growing year which gave us a wine of moderate weight but distinctive balance and proportion. The bouquet invites with the scent of black currants, cherries and sugar cookie. The wine is lively on the palate, full bodied but not heavy, with the fresh flavors of currants and cherry, followed by molasses, toasted pecan and pomegranate liqueur. The wine finishes as it begins, with fresh fruit and velvety tannin, sweet cocoa and black raspberry. Thanks to its supple texture and refreshing minerality, it will complement a wide variety of dishes and can stand alone. Enjoy now and over the next decade!

Wine Maker

Timothy Milos