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FAMILY VINEYARDS

2010 MONTE ROSSO VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Monte Rosso Vineyard is a fabulous and highly representative wine from one of California's great heritage sites.”

-Antonio Galloni, WINE ADVOCATE, April 2013



VINEYARD

I've loved the Cabernet from Monte Rosso Vineyard for as long as I can remember, and I consider myself lucky that my good friend Mike Martini, whose family bought the ranch in the late 1930's, continues to share a couple of blocks with me every year. With elevations that range from 900 to 1,200 feet, the aptly named (by Mike's grandfather) Monte Rosso is a classic mountain vineyard, resting firmly on the southwest side of the Mayacamas mountain range in the Moon Mountain District, Sonoma County AVA. Sitting above the fog line with undulating hillsides, the vineyard's iron-rich soils are red, rocky and well drained. Vines struggle for nutrients here, and the rich concentrated fruit shows it. This harvest marks the 9th vintage for this wine.

VINTAGE

Rainfall returned after three dry years, pushed bud break, flowering and fruit-set back by at least two weeks at the front end of the growing season, and due to the cloud cover, there was no frost damage in 2010. The summer brought cooler than normal temperatures, the relatively cool growing season coupled with the unexpected heat spikes in late summer resulted in a late and shortened harvest with lower yields. Cooler than average temperatures returned again in early September, but gave way to a welcome, warm and consistent Indian Summer that was just the ticket, bringing good flavor and color development across the board.

WINEMAKING

Cabernet grapes from the Monte Rosso Vineyard need little in the way of winemaking technique. We picked the grapes by hand and gave them the small lot treatment, fermenting them in small tanks which we pumped over several times a day. After pressing, the wine was transferred to new French oak barrels – from the Nevers forest – where it aged for 24 months prior to bottling.

WINEMAKER NOTES

“One sip of this wine and you know you're in mountain territory. Bold Cabernet flavors of black cherry, wild blueberry and blackberry fill the mouth, and there's a minerality in the background that reflects the mineral red soils of the Monte Rosso site and brings structure to the wine. The oak brings hints of cinnamon spice, vanilla and coffee without overpowering the fruit. With chalky tannins and zesty acidity, this is a gutsy Cabernet that's built for the long haul.”

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Appellation: Sonoma Valley

Harvest: September 21, 2010

Blend: 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petite Verdot

Cooperage: 18 months in 100% new French Oak barrels

Alcohol: 14.8%

TA: 6.34 gm/L

pH: 3.74

Cases Produced: 538



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