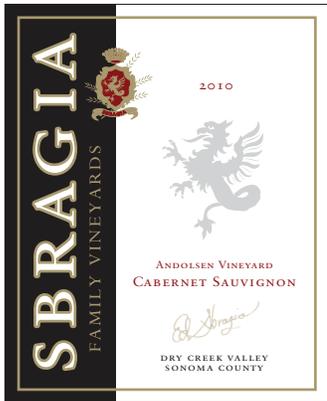




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FAMILY VINEYARDS

2010
ANDOLSEN VINEYARD
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



VINEYARD

I buy these grapes from Dr. Andolsen, our long-time friend (over 20 years) and family doctor. His vineyard is on the west side of Dry Creek in the rolling hills of the coastal range in Sonoma County, and he always allows me to select grapes from my favorite blocks. It's a great piece of land and the wine it makes offers an elegant, yet ripe, rich cherry characteristic that I always associate with this appellation.

VINTAGE

Rainfall returned after three dry years, pushing bud break, flowering and fruit-set back by at least two weeks at the front end of the growing season. Fortunately the cloud cover meant there was no frost damage in 2010. The summer brought cooler than normal temperatures, and this coupled with 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 warm and consistent Indian summer that was just the ticket, bringing good flavor and color development to grapes across the board.

WINEMAKING

I believe in taking a minimalist approach to this wine in order to preserve the rustic qualities that I love about Dry Creek Cabernet. The 2010 Andolsen Cabernet Sauvignon was aged for 18 months in 100% French oak barrels, imparting cedar and brown spice aromas and flavors and supple tannins. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation which softened the tannins and contributed to a rich, lengthy finish. Adam and I blended in a small amount of Cabernet Franc to add structure and subtle complementary herbal characteristics.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Dry Creek Cabernets have a distinctive profile that I have always loved and this Cabernet showcases the best of those characteristics. Sweet red fruit and anise aromas are followed by bright acidity, plush flavors of black fruit and sweet spice. The tannins are complemented by a supple mouth feel and an elegant finish.

Ed Sragia Adam Sragia

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Harvest Date: October 27th, 2010
Blend: 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc
Alcohol: 12.8%
TA: 6.57 gm/L
pH: 3.61
Cases Produced: 1191



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