

THE TERRACES

2011 Rhyolite

Rutherford, 100% Estate Grown



Varietal: 61.5% Cabernet Sauvignon
25.7% Cabernet Franc
15.8% Zinfandel

Cases: 156

Alcohol: 14.5%

Bottled: May 3, 2013

Released: May 1, 2014

Suggested Retail: \$75.00

Vineyard: The Terraces estate vineyards are between 300 and 500 feet in elevation in the eastern foothills of the Rutherford AVA. The very well drained soils are comprised of volcanic rock known as Rhyolite. Moderately warm, the vineyard is still marginally influenced by early morning fog.

Vintage: 2011 was considered a challenging vintage because of unusually cold and wet weather. The cool summer weather led to very long hang time and lower than average sugars. Fortunately our western exposure helped us to deliver ripe fruit starting on October 20, making it our latest harvest on record.

Production: Hand picked and sorted before being de-stemming, each lot went into small tanks as whole berries. After a brief cold soak, the lots were fermented with a combination of wild and cultivated yeasts. A combination of punch downs, pump overs and rack and returns were performed several times a day to influence extraction in different ways over the course of fermentation. Pressed gently in a basket press, the wines were moved with lees to 50% new French barrels to finish malolactic fermentation. Are very best barrels of our favorite lots are used when developing the blend for Rhyolite.

Tasting Notes: Our flagship wine, the 2011 Rhyolite is deep purple in color, with aromas of sweet black fruits, vanilla, cocoa. The palate of the wine surges with big ripe flavors of black currant, blueberry, and bramble with hints of nutmeg and vanilla. Well balanced with a long finish, the 2011 is full bodied yet supple, and can be enjoyed today or cellared for many years.

The Terraces: 130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspires us to create epic wines of astonishing value. Less than 3500 cases produced each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.