

THE TERRACES

2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford, Estate Grown

88.9% Cabernet Sauvignon Varietal: 5.6% Zinfandel 2.8% Cabernet Franc 2.8% Malbec Cases: 375 Alcohol: 14.6% Bottled: May 3, 2013 **Released:** May 1, 2014 Suggested Retail: \$54.00 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. The fruit for this wine is estate grown and comes from six uniques hillside blocks 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 beginning 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 40% new French barrels to finish malolactic fermentation. Tasting Notes: We are very proud of this lovely estate grown Cabernet Sauvignon. Deep purple ruby in color with ripe aromas of cassis, blackberry, and coffee, the palate is rich and nicely balanced with firm, yet supple tannins. Flavors of cassis, blackberry, cocoa, and spice continue with a long finish. Drink now to 12-15 years. The Terraces: 130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspires us to create epic wine of astonishing value. Less than 3500 cases produced each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.