

Two Old Dogs 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaking Notes

Traditionally, the Two Old Dogs Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, is produced from Cabernet Sauvignon grapes chosen from the cooler sections of the hillside Herb Lamb Vineyard. However, the 2011 vintage was the coolest and wettest growing season on record and forced us to pick in the rain in early October before all of the grapes were fully ripened. Because of this, much of that section of the vineyard was declassified and sold off as bulk wine.

But, along with blending in some of the barrels from the best parts of the HL Vineyards section of the vineyard, we were able to source some delicious Merlot from both Oak Knoll and Howell Mountain AVAs in Napa Valley to blend into our best lots. This has created a softer, fuller bodied and more approachable Cabernet Sauvignon blend, with more red fruit characteristics.

Vintage Notes

With only 50% new oak, the nose has an enticing component of red fruit highlighted by toasty mocha and dried cherry notes. The 12% Merlot gives this wine softer fruit flavors and an earlier approachability with raspberry, currant, cranberry, bright cherry and sage flavors, but it still shows great Cabernet Sauvignon varietal expression. With alcohol under 14%, it is a pretty and accessible wine with a plush mouthfeel, good oak and fruit balance and a ripe, sweet cherry finish.

Technical Data

Alcohol:	13.8%
Composition:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Barrels:	50% New French Oak
Vineyards:	Herb Lamb Vineyard
Cases Produced:	250

