



Herb Lamb Vineyards 2010 HL Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaking Notes

The 2010 HL Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon is a typical, cool-climate, mountain wine with finesse rather than power and aggressive tannins. Although a little leaner vintage, this wine has tremendous structure. Left on the lees a little longer in the new French oak barrels, this wine has great character, breadth and depth. Winemaker Michael Trujillo says “The 2010 is a sexy, very accessible wine, with sweet nutty coconut and chestnut in the nose. There are generous red fruit flavors in the palate, expressive of a cool-climate wine, showing great structure and length. In the mouth, there are bright, fruity notes of black and red cherry, with roasted chestnut and hints of mocha and coconut, with a lengthy cherry finish. The oak is well-integrated and shows vanilla and toasty notes in the young wine.”

The 2010 vintage, although accessible now, will only get better with bottle age and decanting. Give it some time to mature before serving with a great meal, and have another bottle ready, as you will only want more! This wine was meant to be shared with friends and with a meal; with juicy, red, well-marbled meats, or a rich BBQ'd lamb and even a grilled salmon.



Vintage Notes

The 2010 vintage was one of extremes. We experienced record breaking cool temperatures throughout the spring and summer, with persistent fog throughout the growing season, and rains in June which affected the bloom and set resulting in a small crop. Then in August, we were hit by quick spike of heat which forced us to make additional passes to drop crop, either unripe berries or those that became sunburned. Cool weather continued and the rains returned in mid-October, requiring us to harvest early without the luxury of an Indian summer.

With more rigorous berry sorting at the crusher, we ended up with a decidedly smaller yield, but the classic long, cool season gave us ripe, balanced and well structured wines. The overall coolness of the vintage resulted in a wine that has become elegant, balanced and complex and almost European in style.

Technical Data

Alcohol:	14.4%
Composition:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Barrels:	80% New French Oak
Vineyards:	Herb Lamb Vineyard
Cases Produced:	300