



2010

HOLY SMOKE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Winemaker's Notes

The 2010 Holy Smoke Cabernet Sauvignon captures the alluring vibrancy of a young vineyard coming into its own. After extensive research on this vineyard in the Oakville Appellation, we chose to plant a Cabernet clone known as "Clone 4." The synergy between clone and vineyard site allows us to create a wonderfully bold and complex Oakville Cabernet. This single vineyard wine is the most Bordeaux-like wine in our portfolio exhibiting the full red fruit trinity—raspberry, cherry and boysenberry. The granite dust character, a signature of this vineyard block, adds to the soft and elegant tannin structure of the wine, which finishes with a touch of Oakville earth. The delightful hint of oak will allow the Holy Smoke to cellar beautifully for many years to come. This is a fantastic wine that can accompany an array of dishes.

Cellar Facts

Appellation:	Oakville
Varietal:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Case Production:	370
Aging:	22 months, 80% new French oak, 20% 1 year old French oak
Suggested Retail Price:	\$125
Enjoyability:	Drink now or cellar. Pull the cork between 2015 and 2026 for optimum enjoyment.

On the Vine

Holy Smoke vineyard lies between the Mayacamas Mountains to the west and the Vaca range to the east, in the heart of the Oakville appellation. During the summer months it is not uncommon to wake up and find a heavy veil of fog blanketing the valley. Our vineyard name comes from the wisps of fog that linger above the vines like wood smoke before the sun has had time to heat the valley floor. The gravely, well drained soil of the vineyard site is ideal for growing Cabernet Sauvignon. In keeping with our commitment to proper stewardship of the earth, we farm the vineyard organically. The attention applied to each element—clone, vineyard site, farming techniques, and winemaking—allows us to craft a cabernet with distinguished character and of a quality to find itself among our Single Vineyard Cabernet Selection.



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