



## 2011 NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

### Winemaker Notes

Our Napa Valley Merlot is a perennial favorite for those who want to open and enjoy a soft, supple red wine right away, without waiting! Our 2011 is no exception—cherry cola, vanilla, and sandalwood greet you first, with dried herbs, ripe bing cherries, cranberries, and clove rounding out the palate. This juicy, robust wine has layers of flavors and is delicious to drink on its own, but can pair perfectly with a multitude of dishes. Enjoy tonight with any one of your meat dishes, or perhaps your favorite vegetable lasagna.

### All The Facts

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Varietal:	Merlot
Case Production:	4500
Aging:	16 months in primarily French with some American oak
Suggested Retail Price:	\$25
Enjoyability:	Drink now through 2017 for optimum enjoyment

### On the Vine

Our 2011 Napa Valley Merlot is sourced from two of our estate vineyards in the Rutherford Appellation: Komes Ranch on the northernmost border, and Bella Oaks, on the southernmost border. The Komes Ranch vineyard brings bright red fruits to the wine—rich cranberry and raspberry characters, while the Bella Oaks vineyard contributes darker fruits—blueberry and bing cherry flavors.

The 2011 vintage was both cooler and wetter than average, with grapes developing over a long period of time and achieving physiological ripeness at a relatively lower sugar level.



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