



2010

ST. HELENA RENNIE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Winemaker's Notes

After thirty years of farming, experimenting, and studying this three-acre block on the Flora Springs Estate in the southwest corner of the St. Helena appellation, we can finally sit back and enjoy the fruits of our labor. With a precision watering and stress regimen in place, perfectly matched clone to soil selection, and proper row orientation, this block is arguably the best of our 650 acres of vineyard. We simply call it Block C. Historically, the hand picked fruit from Block C has been an integral component of Trilogy. However, in 1997, the Komes and Garvey family selected this lot for Flora Springs' 20th Anniversary wine. Unanimously celebrated, the Cabernet Sauvignon from Block C represents one of the greatest wines we have ever released. We now use a percentage of this fruit each year to make our St. Helena Rennie Reserve. Our 2010 vintage of St. Helena Rennie Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is reminiscent of a fine Bordeaux—big, rich, and jammy are the first words that come to mind to describe this lush wine, along with elegant hints of cocoa dust, tobacco, raspberry and maraschino cherries. It doesn't get any more Napa cab than this. The full bodied tannins add complexity and a long, lingering finish.

Cellar Facts

Appellation:	St. Helena, Napa Valley
Vineyard:	Old Block C – Komes Ranch, Planted in 1988 Clone 7 / 5-C rootstock Vertical trellis, 10' x 7'
Varietal:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Case Production:	374
Aging:	23 months in 80% New French oak, 20% 1 year old French oak
Suggested Retail Price:	\$150
Enjoyability:	Drink now or cellar. Pull the cork between 2015 and 2026 for optimum enjoyment.

On the Vine

The Flora Springs Estate vineyards are unique in the Napa Valley winemaking landscape. The boundary between the St. Helena and Rutherford appellations runs through the middle of the Flora Springs property—along the creek on the valley floor and up through the hillside of the renowned Rutherford bench at the base of the Mayacamas, thus providing the opportunity to produce two appellation-specific wines from the same estate. The St. Helena Rennie Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon—named for the founders of our historic 1885 winery—is made from Block C on the valley floor, at the southern-most edge of the St. Helena appellation.

