



GREYSCALE
WINES

2010
Napa Valley
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TASTING NOTES

Deep, dark red color with a garnet hue. A dense nose of truffle, chocolate, and black fruit with a polished oak component that adds layers to the expansive nose. On the palate, the wine has a soft, refined entry and is lush and packed with black fruit flavors. The tannins are polished and round, showing good focus and depth, anchoring the long finish.

BLEND

45.5% **Tourmaline Vineyard**,

45.5% **Rafael Vineyard**,

6% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc

WINEMAKING NOTES

The lush, fleshy fruit intensity of Tourmaline Vineyard compliments the power and tannic intensity of Rafael Vineyard, making for a balanced wine that is both refined and powerful. Merlot, Petit Verdot, and Cabernet Franc were included to add layers to the fruit intensity, particularly on the palate. The wine aged for 21 months in French Oak barrels, 50% new oak. The base blend of the two Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards took place in early 2011 and the blending of the Merlot/Petit Verdot/Cabernet Franc took place in June of 2012.

BOTTLING

Date: December 11, 2012

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH 3.85

Total Acidity 5.68g/L

Released: October, 2013

VINEYARD NOTES

Rafael Vineyard is a sloping hillside property in Oak Knoll. Being in the southern part of the valley, the temperatures are moderated by the weather patterns coming off San Pablo Bay. These cooling breezes and morning fogs help the grapes retain assertive acids that warmer growing spots cannot match. The vines at Rafael are planted in porous sands and gravel, which forces the roots to work deep into the ground in search of water. This natural devigoration helps produce smaller berries with balanced concentrations of tannins and acidity.

Tourmaline Vineyard East of the town of Napa, Tourmaline Vineyard is cooled by the fog and breezes blowing off San Pablo Bay. The 65-acre site is planted to Bordeaux varietals on gently sloping terrain. The cooler climate allows for a nice long growing season and produces a fleshy, more opulent interpretation of the grape. Planted to clones 4 and 337 on 110R rootstock, the clusters here are smaller due to slightly distressed soils and lower precipitation totals in this section of Napa.

Rafael Vineyard

Oak Knoll AVA

Harvest Date: 10/15/10

Brix: 27.4, TA: 5.3

pH: 3.83

Tourmaline Vineyard

Coombsville AVA

Harvest Date: 11/06/10

Brix: 25.6, TA: 5.1

pH: 3.89



ABOUT GREYSCALE WINES

“Making wine is living our dream. Growing up with a family vineyard, avidly collecting wines for years, wine tasting in Bordeaux, and developing a curiosity about winemaking inspired us to create our own wine. In 2008, we met Kian Tavakoli, former winemaker at Clos duVal, who has helped us create small lots of premium Bordeaux style wines.”

Jean & Larry Rowe
Proprietors

ABOUT THE WINEMAKER
KIAN TAVAKOLI

With almost 20 years of winemaking, operations and viticultural experience, Kian Tavakoli brings a stellar combination of sensory and production skills to Greyscale Wines. Having graduated with a degree in enology from UC Davis in 1992, Kian spent 4 years learning cabernet wine-making at Opus One before he became winemaker at Clos Du Val where he ran their red wine program including the highly acclaimed reserve bottlings. Kian's passion for Bordeaux style wines is the perfect complement to our Greyscale family wine philosophy.



“Wine is neither black nor white. It's always shades of grey”

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