



GREYSCALE
WINES

2011
Napa Valley
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TASTING NOTES

Medium dark red color with a ruby garnet hue. A layered and complex nose that is well integrated with toasty oak notes. On the palate, this wine presents a wide range of dense, rich flavors, extending from ripe plum and black cherry, to bay leaf, cedar, blackberry and subtle black olive notes. The finish is focused with a polished tannin structure that enhances the length.

BLEND

89% Cabernet Sauvignon
(50% **Tourmaline Vineyard**,
33% **Rafael Vineyard**,
17% **Broken Rock Vineyard**)
8% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec

WINEMAKING NOTES

The lush, fleshy fruit intensity of Tourmaline Vineyard compliments the power and tannic intensity of the Rafael and Broken Rock vineyards, making for a balanced wine that is both refined and powerful. Merlot, Petit Verdot, and Malbec were added to enhance the fruit intensity on the palate. The resulting wine has a seamless flavor that bridges the entry to the mid-palate to the finish. The wine aged for 21 months in French Oak barrels, 50% new oak. The base blend of the three Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards took place in early 2011 and the blending of the Merlot/Petit Verdot/Cabernet Franc took place in May 2012.

BOTTLING

Date: July 30, 2013
Alcohol: 14.5%
pH 3.99, Total Acidity 5.44g/L

Released: October, 2014

VINEYARD NOTES

Broken Rock Vineyard This 48-acre vineyard is located on the eastern ridge of the valley near Soda canyon. Wines from this area get the best of both worlds — mountainside structure and rich flavors from the valley floor. Planted at over 2,000 vines per acre on extremely low fertility soil, this vineyard produces concentrated wines with purple-black color and ripe, dark fruit aromatics. Planted with clone 337 on 3309 rootstock and western exposure that ensures plenty of afternoon sun.

Rafael Vineyard This sloping hillside property in Oak Knoll is 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 produces 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 with Bordeaux varietals on gently sloping terrain. The cooler climate allows for a long growing season and produces a fleshy, more opulent interpretation of the grape. Planted with 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 the valley.

Broken Rock Vineyard

Atlas Peak AVA
Harvest Date: 11/03/11
Brix: 25.9, TA: 6.9
pH: 3.61

Rafael Vineyard

Oak Knoll AVA
Harvest Date: 11/03/11
Brix: 25.9, TA: 6.9
pH: 3.61

Tourmaline Vineyard

Coombsville AVA
Harvest Date: 11/03/10
Brix: 24.5, TA: 6.3
pH: 3.49



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



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

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