



RAMEY

Cabernet Sauvignon NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARDS

Appellation	Napa Valley
	- 56% St. Helena, 17% Napa Valley, 13% Mt. Veeder, 12% Rutherford, 2% Oakville
Soil	The geology and soils of Napa Valley are notoriously complex and are primarily comprised of broken down or decomposed rock that has been carried downhill from the eastern Vaca range and the western Mayacamas range into the base of the valley, where they ultimately intermingle with the silt, clay and gravel deposits of the Napa River flood plain.

VINTAGE

Growing Season	The growing season was cool and wet through spring. Bud break was delayed by 1-2 weeks in most of our vineyards. The weather stayed cool through fruit set, and into harvest. Towards the end of the growing season, the days remained cool but the nights were much warmer than normal, which accelerated ripening. Due to the warmer nights and two incoming rain storms, our last vineyards were harvested on October 20th. Overall, the cool weather resulted in slower ripening. We had phenolic maturity without sugar accumulation so the 2011's are lower in alcohol. They are elegant expressions of a cool vintage.
Brix at Harvest	23.9° average
Harvest Dates	October 15 to October 22

WINEMAKING

Varietal Composition	79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 4% Petite Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc
Fermentation	Fermented with native yeasts and bacteria
Aging	The wine rested <i>sur lies</i> to incorporate the oak so that the 18 months spent in 55% new barrels (a mixture of three-year air dried French and American) is barely noticeable. Due to the cooler vintage, we left this wine in barrel less than our normal 24 to 26 months. Non-filtered.
Cases	1,276
Release Date	April 2014
Alcohol	14.5%

“Our seventh vintage of this appellation Cabernet is blended from a combination of hillside and valley floor vineyards. Our style combines the harmony produced by traditional Bordelaise winemaking techniques with the voluptuousness gained from California’s weather, albeit a cooler, more elegant vintage.” –David Ramey
