



RAMEY

Pedregal Vineyard
OAKVILLE - NAPA VALLEY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINEYARDS

Appellation	Oakville
Site	<p>“Pedregal” means a rocky place in Spanish, and that is certainly a distinguishing feature of the site. This is a small, hillside vineyard on the lower slopes of eastern Oakville that's planted to 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Petit Verdot.</p> <p>During 2008 we agreed to a long-term lease of this vineyard which gives us complete control even through any change in ownership. That year, we began directly farming the vineyard and converted to organic farming methods.</p>
Soil	Red soil, 85% basalt rock
Clonal Selection	The Cabernet Sauvignon is Clone 7. The Petit Verdot is Sterling Clone.
Planted	The Cabernet Sauvignon was planted on St. George and 110R rootstock with 4'x8' spacing in 1990. The Petit Verdot was planted on 110R rootstock with 4'x6' spacing in 1996.

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 Harvest Dates	24.5° (Cabernet Sauvignon), 24.3° (Petit Verdot) October 15 (CS), October 20 (PV)

WINEMAKING

Varietal Composition	85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Petit Verdot co-fermented
Fermentation	Native-yeast barrel fermentation and full natural malolactic fermentation
Aging	Aging the 2011 <i>sur lies</i> with monthly <i>bâtonnage</i> has coated the tannins and smoothly integrated the wood. We left this vintage 19 months in 100% new French barrels (Taransaud and Darnajou). Non-filtered.
Alcohol	14.5%
Cases	364
Release Date	September 2014

“This is our eight vintage from this small, outstanding vineyard on the lower slopes of the eastern Oakville hills.” –David Ramey