



2010 Affinity Cabernet Sauvignon

Blend: 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot,
4% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec

WINEMAKER NOTES

Created by Robert Craig in 1993, this classic Bordeaux-style Cabernet Sauvignon from Robert Craig's estate vineyard in the foothills south of Stag's Leap is always predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon. Petit Verdot is added to the blend for deep, concentrated flavors and a touch of Malbec introduced for further weight, complimented by silky Merlot and Cabernet Franc spice. The fruit is hand-picked, hand-sorted and kept in separate lots during fermentation and barrel aging. The blend is 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot, 4% Merlot, 2% Malbec and 1% Cabernet Franc. Decanting is recommended.

VINEYARD CHARACTERISTICS

Our separate Affinity estate vineyard was established in the 1990's as the foundation for this blend. Located to the south of Stag's Leap in the southeastern foothills of Mt. George, the vineyard's average yield is 2.8 tons/acre. Elevation: Varied foothill elevations and exposures. Soils: Sparse, rocky alluvial. The area's moderate growing conditions produce a full-bodied wine of great power and elegance.

TASTING NOTES

Aroma: The Affinity hallmarks are fully present in aromas of deep black-red fruit, classic cassis and espresso bean, underlain with crushed granite and dusty rose petal.
Flavors: Smooth and sleek on the palate, this balanced wine is loaded with character, presenting intense dark cherry and black plum, lovely cassis, earthy notes of crushed rock and a bracing minerality.
Finish: The finely-knit flavors build toward a finish of great lift and length, with nothing out of place. Dense fruit leads the way, followed by cigar box spice, black currant, and graphite.

WINE INFORMATION

Harvest dates: Sept. 28 – Nov. 12
Average sugar: 25.1° Brix
TA: 5.9 g/L | pH: 3.77
Alcohol: 14.5%
Barrel Aging: 18 months in Chateau-style French oak; 65% new & 35% 2nd year. Unfiltered and unfined.
Bottling Date: May 2012
Price: California suggested retail price is \$55.00 per bottle

