



Lamborn “Vintage IX” Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

100% estate grown Howell Mountain, Napa Valley Cabernet

Bud break was on the early side (April 8th), but from that moment on vine growth and development was inhibited by wet and cool conditions. 2011 was one of the coolest vintages (degree days) in the past 30 years. Spring and summer rain patterns were reminiscent of France, delaying vine growth and increasing the pressure for mildew/mold. Because of our daily wind patterns, our fruit was kept dry and mold free. Our altitude again played a role in fruit quality as the many days of Valley floor fog only increased the already existing problems there while we were basking in sunshine. Combining crop dropping with leaf removal encouraged fruit development later in the season. We were not going to pick grapes until (if) they were ready, and that day finally arrived on November 1st which was our latest harvest on record. All things considered, at 495 cases, production in 2011 is quite satisfying.



Winemaker Heidi Barrett’s tasting notes:

“Presenting with a dark and incredibly rich color, the aromas showcase a beautifully focused nose of black currant and blueberry with caramel and a slight dust. Soft and silky with moderate tannin, layers of blueberry and chocolate give way to secondary blue fruit and vanilla. Considered to be a ‘tough year,’ this hilltop Cabernet is a premium example of the myriad benefits of farming grapes at elevation.”

Winemaker:	Heidi Barrett
Appellation:	Howell Mountain
Varietal:	100% estate grown Cabernet Sauvignon
Harvested:	November 1, 2011
Cases Produced:	495
Alcohol:	14.8%
Membership price:	\$100/bottle

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