

# **TRUJILLO**

### 2011 TRUJILLO CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Vintage Notes

The 2011 Trujillo Cabernet Sauvignon is a precise expression of varietal, place and time—balanced and complex, with a natural structure and acidity. This vintage is a bit more reserved, perhaps even shy upon pulling the cork. Yet given a little time and air, this wine evolves into a wonderfully sophisticated and seductive Cabernet.

The aromatics are at first bright and focused, giving way to rich and vibrant dark fruit flavors. Blackberries, black cherry and currant roll forward on the palate followed by delicate hints of licorice, sweet tobacco and dark chocolate. A very slight mineral, almost slate, note quietly bolsters the complexity of the bouquet. In accordance with its refined character, the wine's structure and acidity are well balanced for drinking now and entirely worthy of cellaring for many years.

My Cabernet Sauvignon is crafted from the fruit of select, family-owned vineyards in Napa Valley, and I work closely with each grower, utilizing farming practices that yield notable fruit each year. Gary Morisoli, located just west of Rutherford, delivers bold, rich red and black fruit. Herb Lamb Vineyard, on Napa's eastern slope, evokes black cherry and currants with bold spices and soft tannins. Healy Vineyard in St. Helena offers soft, silky mocha characters, and Henry Brothers Ranch, high on Howell Mountain, brings wonderfully dense and black fruit flavors with dark chocolate notes. We enjoy the hands-on-vine aspects of teasing out, and ultimately tasting, the characteristics of each site.

— Michael Trujillo

#### VINTAGE FACTS

Origin 100% Napa Valley: Rutherford Howell Mountain St. Helena

# Blend Composition

92% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Merlot 3% Petit Verdot

#### Maturation

Aged 22 months 100% French Oak (85% new barrels)

# **Technical Notes**

pH 3.78 TA 5.8 g/L RS 0.2 g/L Alc. 14.46% by volume

### Bottled June 28, 2013

Cases Produced 435

Tapa Valley