



TRUCHARD

2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Vintage: 2011 was the third in a string of unpredictable vintages... Cool and wet springtime conditions affected berry set and reduced yields by 20%. Cool weather continued throughout the growing season, slowly brining the smaller crop to maturity. Rains in early October forced a quick end to harvest. Despite the challenges, the wines of 2011 have bright aromas and flavors with beautiful finesse and balance.

Vineyard: The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 400 acres of hills and valleys which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, limestone, volcanic ash and rock. The combination of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures, provides ideal conditions for wine-growing. Cabernet Sauvignon is planted in several different sites - on steep, southwestern facing hillsides. The vines range from 16 - 38 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec are blended in to provide additional softness, structure, and complexity.

Harvest: Oct. 22 – Nov. 1 • 24.3 °Brix • 3.52 pH • 6.7 g/L TA

Winemaking: All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Fermentations were pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. Maceration time varied from 14 to 30 days depending on vineyard block. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak barrels (45% new). Rackings occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2013. The final blend is 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot, and 1% Malbec. This wine is drinkable upon release, but will gracefully age for the next 10 – 12 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.2% alcohol • 3.60 pH • 6.1 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: Rich aromas of black cherry, ripe berries, and cassis; with a touch of cedar and vanilla. The mouth is layered with flavors of raspberry, red currants, and plum jam. Ripe tannins focus the palate and provide a lengthy finish of spice and red fruit.

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Cases Produced: 3575 cases

Bottle Price: \$38.00



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