

BRAVANTE

Napa Valley

2011 Estate Reserve

The 2011 Estate Reserve is our second Reserve Wine. Our goal for this wine is to produce an elegant, complex and balanced Howell Mountain Red Wine. We blend the best wines made from our different vineyard blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc from our two Howell Mountain Estate Vineyards. From those best blocks our Winemaker individually selects the best barrels for this complex wine, which then is given time to meld together with further barrel aging.

The 2011 Estate Reserve has aromas of bright cherry and plum fruit with hints of cedar and sage. Our Estate Reserve has a rich body and wonderful smoothness of tannins. The wine has flavors of cherries and berries with hints of toasty oak. The wine has a long slightly chewy finish.

Viticulture

Appellation:

100% Estate Grown Howell Mountain

Varietal Content:

60% Cabernet Sauvignon

20% Merlot

20% Cabernet Franc

Winemaking:

Time in oak:

22 months

Bottling:

September 2013

Filtration:

One polish filtration

Alcohol:

14.5%

Aging potential:

10 to 15 years

Cases produced:

120 cases produced

Release date:

July 1, 2016

Vineyard manager:

Peter Murphy

Winemaker:

Duane D. Dappen

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