

2010 STEWART NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Appellation: Napa Valley Production: 876 cases Consulting Winemaker: Paul Hobbs Robert Parker Rating: 93 Points Vineyard Sources: Las Piedras (9%), Crystal Springs (28%), Red Hen (30%), State Lane (26%), Max (7%) Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon Aging: 22 Months in 65% New French Oak

WINEMAKING

The grapes for this wine were farmed and picked on a row-by-row basis to ensure optimal ripeness. The fruit was then hand sorted and whole berry fermented in small lots. Aged in barrel for 22 months, this wine was neither fined nor filtered prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This is a deep, massive Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon that enrobes its dense heart in a cloak of lovely, supple tannins. It is deeply purple in color, opening with huge aromatics of berries and oak spice, becoming gradually more complex and perfumed as it warms in the glass. An aroma this big and powerful promises great things for the wine with time in the bottle. The immediate impression in the mouth is of its thick, velvety texture. The wine shows a touch of youthful astringency, appropriate for a young wine intended for aging, but the density of its extract is primarily derived from rich and supple tannins. All the dark fruit and abundant stuffing is carried by just enough minerality to keep the wine lively and juicy, never heavy or ponderous, and will allow it to develop for a decade or more.

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