

JEFF GORDON CELLARS



2010 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TASTING NOTES

This vintage of our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a special wine commemorating the birth of Jeff and Ingrid's son, Leo, who was born in 2010. This is an elegant yet rich Cabernet that evokes the best of the Napa Valley and specifically the Spring Mountain District. Seductive and complex, the inviting aromas mix mountain berries, plums, and cedar with a hint of dusty earth. A smooth entry reveals a graceful and luscious wine of medium size and weight. On the palate, flavors of red currant, plum, dried spice and cocoa powder seamlessly flow together. Soft tannins shape the wine into an elegant and sublime whole that mellows nicely on the finish.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2010 growing season was cool and long in California. As winemaker Jesse Inman states, "The cool, late 2010 growing season gave our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes bright and pure varietal character. The unique weather caused the Corbett Vineyard to have lower yields. This relates to the wine having concentrated flavors with more spice and earthy notes." Before destemming and crushing, the fruit was scrutinized cluster by cluster, allowing only the best fruit to pass through. After a two day cold soak, the must was inoculated with yeast and allowed to warm. Pumpovers were employed to gently attain the maximum extraction from the skins. Upon dryness the must was gently pressed, the wine inoculated with malolactic culture and put to barrel. The wine was barrel aged for 20 months prior to bottling. Bottled in July 2012, this shows wonderfully now and will continue to develop with proper cellaring for the next 6-8 years.

VINEYARDS

Corbett Vineyard is located in the mountains of St. Helena in the Spring Mountain district. This rocky, steeply terraced vineyard sits 1,000 feet above the Napa Valley floor. The fruit is dry-farmed which creates intense flavor and body.

SPECIFICATIONS

Production: 124 cases

Alcohol: 14.2%

Total Acidity: .59

Ph: 3.62

Barrel Aging: 20 months

Barrel Types: 25% new American Oak, 75% two and three year old French and American Oak

