



2011 Mt. George Cuvee

Blend: 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot,
23% Petit Verdot

Only 347 cases produced

WINEMAKER NOTES

Like Affinity, our Bordeaux-style Cabernet Sauvignon, the Mt. George Cuvee release is sourced from our estate vineyard in the Mt. George foothills of southeastern Napa Valley. This Left-Bank inspired blend is crafted from very small quantities of the best juice remaining after the Affinity blend components are selected. These choice lots are aged in French oak for added texture, refinement and complexity.

Each year, the Cuvee's varietal components vary according to the blending program. The 2011 vintage is a nicely balanced, supple Cabernet, with abundant dark fruit. Considered one of Napa Valley's best \$30 Cabernets, this is a wine to be enjoyed with friends and family — the perfect choice for all occasions.

VINEYARD CHARACTERISTICS

Our estate vineyard is located just to the south of the Stag's Leap district in the Mt. George foothills. This area produces Cabernets that are similar to the Left Bank region of Bordeaux — yet is unique in its own right. The gravelly, well-drained soils and moderate climate are ideal for growing the classic Bordeaux varietals, giving us small, intensely flavored berries.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of plum, black cherry and black olive are framed by hints of blueberry and white pepper, with warm, savory spice undertones.

Flavors of dark cherry and berry emerge, with a clear Petit Verdot influence. The juicy, fresh palate expands with graphite, blueberry, savory spice and a little pepper on a mid-palate that shows nice weight and polished, smooth tannins.

The **finish** of dark red fruit and spice lingers, along with pencil lead, mineral notes and cream.

WINE INFORMATION

Harvest dates: Oct. 20–27

Average sugar: 24.9° Brix

TA: .60 | pH: 3.74

Alcohol: 14.5%

Barrel Aging: 5 months in French oak, 70% new

Price: California suggested retail price is \$30.00 per bottle

