

# SILVER OAK

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## Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2010 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a seamless wine that expresses bright, fresh fruit characters from an unusually cool California vintage. It has a vibrant, ruby color and a complex nose of boysenberries, blueberries, sage, licorice and roasted chicory. It has a luscious mouthfeel with notes of fresh fruit and carnation flowers on the palate. It has fine-grained tannins and a velvety texture that leads to a long, fruit-filled finish. Given proper cellaring, this wine should give drinking pleasure through 2031.

### BLENDING AND AGING

Our 2010 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, selected from vineyards throughout the appellation, is 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc. We blended the vineyard lots in early 2011 and transferred the wine to 100% new American oak barrels for aging. Blending prior to barreling allows us to achieve a balance of the wine's natural elements, such as fruit and tannin, before they are influenced by oak. The wine was then aged in barrel for approximately 24 months and another 20 months in bottle to harmonize its components before release.

### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

2010 was the first of two unusually cool California vintages. The spring was cool with some minor frosts and a few spring showers. By June, temperatures normalized, greatly helping bloom and set. Both July and August were unusually cool, which contributed to extraordinary phenolic and color maturity. Slightly above average temperatures in September and the first half of October brought the crop to ideal maturity. We began harvest on September 25<sup>th</sup>, three weeks later than normal, and ended on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

VINTAGE	2010
APPELLATION	Napa Valley
COMPOSITION	84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc
BOTTLE SIZES	750ml, 1.5 L Magnum, 3 L Double Magnum, 6 L Imperial
ALCOHOL	14.2%
RELEASE DAY	February 7, 2015

