



# PRIDE

## MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

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## 2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

62% SONOMA | 38% NAPA

blend

92% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

3% MERLOT

5% PETIT VERDOT

aging

18 MONTHS

50% NEW FRENCH

abv

14.2%

Pride Mountain Vineyards sits high atop Napa Valley's Spring Mountain, at the site of the historic Summit Ranch, where wine grapes have been grown since 1885. Our beautiful estate includes wine caves dug deep into the mountains and the ruins of the old stone Summit Winery dating to 1890. As you walk the vineyards, there are 360-degree views with Mount St. Helena and the Vaca Mountains to the north and east and the Sonoma Coastal Ranges to the west and south. It's simply breathtaking.

Above the fog line, Pride's estate vineyards bask in sunshine, receiving 27% more UV light than the valley floor. Elevation and afternoon breezes off the Pacific Ocean moderate the climate, maintaining freshness and vibrancy in the ripe and concentrated fruit. It is this climatic specificity that defined the growing conditions in 2011, completely separate from that which was experienced on the valley floor. As the valley was inundated with rain and fog, the mountains experienced a long and dry fall, the late rain refreshing the soils, increasing our ability to dry farm. After the rains, the sun returned, allowing Pride's estate fruit to ripen to perfection, with great finesse. Cabernet was harvested in early November, with fermentations finishing in December. While November may seem late, it's important to remember that mountain vineyards bud out up to a month later than the valley floor. Combined with the cooler nature of the vintage, the long hang time enabled perfect harmony, without venturing into overripeness.

Pride Mountain Vineyards was founded in 1990 by Jim and Carolyn Pride. Today, the winery is owned by the second generation of the Pride family.

## THE WINE

At first glance, the wine shows a spicy and floral nose laden with dried red and black fruits, black licorice, citrus zest, and wet tobacco. Ripe plum and Bing cherry, cinnamon, and black earth intertwine with the classic Pride garrigue to add a savory appeal. The aromatics are layered and complex without being in-your-face. They invite you back for another twirl of the glass to see what more will be revealed. The palate is equally coy. The bright red fruit of the nose transforms to dried black fruits that are in perfect harmony with the savory and spice, turned earth, and silky tannins. The 2011 Black Label Cab is an exquisite wine, with lovely integration of fruit and structural elements. But it wants you to take your time. It rewards languorous enjoyment, like a long and slow conversation with a treasured friend you haven't seen in quite some time. Drink or hold.



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