

# SOLO

2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## 2011 SOLO: SINGULARLY EXTRAORDINARY

In 1968, Silverado's estate vineyard became the third planted to Cabernet Sauvignon in the Stags Leap District, now world renowned for its Cabernet Sauvignon.

Over the next two decades, through careful observation and meticulous field selection, an entirely new clone of Cabernet Sauvignon emerged. The vines had adapted to Silverado Vineyard's steep, shale soils to produce fruit with intense plum, red currant and cassis characters.

The University of California at Davis acknowledged this unique vine with a 'Heritage' designation. It is one of only three Cabernet Sauvignons to attain this status – and the only one from Stags Leap District.

Each year, we honor this achievement with our limited release SOLO Cabernet Sauvignon, lovingly crafted from this single, extraordinary clone.

## WINEMAKER'S THOUGHTS ON 2011 SOLO

The cool, wet growing conditions in 2011 afforded us the opportunity to utilize a variety of techniques to produce SOLO. We blended both 'old school' techniques including our extensive experience and knowledge of the vineyard with exciting 'new school' technologies such as in-field optical berry sorting which culls fruit based on color, shape and size for perfectly uniform fruit of the absolute highest quality.

As a result, the 2011 SOLO has a core of fresh, crushed red raspberry flavor. The nose is accented with aromas of anise and earth. As the wine opens, lovely floral and violet notes begin to appear. Pleasing acid refreshes the mid-palate in advance of a long finish marked with essence of mineral, stone and flint.

*-Jon Emmerich, Winemaker*

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

|            |   |   |
|------------|---|---|
| BLEND:     | 100%  | Cabernet Sauvignon, Silverado-Disney Heritage Clone |
| ANALYSIS:  | 13.3%                                       | Alc.  |
|            | 5.59  | g/L TA  |
|            | 3.50  | pH  |
| VINEYARDS: | 100%  | Silverado Vineyard, Stags Leap District             |
| AGING:     | Average 17 days of maceration               |   |
|            | 17 months barrel-aged, 100% French, 42% new |   |
| HARVEST:   | October 19 and 25, 2011                     |   |
|            | 2.60 tons/acre                              |   |
|            | 22.5 Average Brix                           |   |

PRODUCTION: 1813 9L

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STAGS LEAP DISTRICT  
NAPA VALLEY

ALC 14.3% BY VOL