

EQUILATERAL
CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY 2011
100% Cabernet Sauvignon



THE WINE:

EQUILATERAL expresses the balanced triangle of the wine experience: beautiful aromas...a rich mid-palette of complex fruitiness playing against elegantly structured tannins...a lingering finish. The perfect triangle- Equilateral- symbolizes Gabrielle ideal.

The 2011 vintage was a cooler climate year and we dropped over 50% of our fruit to allow the hanging fruit to achieve ripening. The lower yield concentrated the flavors of the grape bunches to create a Bordeaux style Cabernet that is a beautiful food wine

TASTING NOTES:

This wine is a bold experience with sensual depth and richness- wild blackberries and savory flavors with notes of cedar and spice.

VINEYARDS:

The vintage highlight is the first time addition of our award winning O'Connell Family Estate Creek Block Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend of Napa Valley Cabernet vineyards. Our cool climate Estate Cabernet from the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley lent a deep structure and complexity, beautifully complementing the warmer climate Rutherford vineyard and elegant mountain fruit on Diamond Mountain.

FOOD PAIRING:

Grilled lamb finished with lavender honey mustard sauce, elk with a classic bordelaise sauce, Stroganoff, filet mignon with GC Cabernet Sea Salt and Lavender Tellichery Pepper.

OAK PROGRAM: Barrel aged in French Oak 30 months

CASE PRODUCTION: 285 cases

CELLARING: Drinkable now. Age worthy 15+ years with good cellar conditions