



HILL FAMILY
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2010 Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 1,350 cases

Composition: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petit Verdot, 5% Merlot & 3% Malbec

Vineyards: Beau Terre, Baker, Red Door, Soda Canyon, Hansen & Lazar

Appellation: Napa Valley

Elevations: 500-1200 ft.

Cooperage: 58% neutral French and Hungarian oak. 11% new American oak (Radoux Appalachian oak), 31% Stavin French oak

Alcohol: 14.2%, TA 0.57, pH 3.76

Bottled: 7/10/12

Release date: Winter 2012

Release price: \$50.00

2010 was another cool growing year after heavy spring rains, and with a bad rainy spell in mid October, right when one would prefer to have lovely weather. Happily, the high elevations such as Baker vineyard really came together, with beautiful flavors and ripe tannins toward the end. We were lucky that our Petit Verdot was dense and chewy, and the Malbec was rich and fruity making blending trials a real pleasure. Red Door Merlot again contributed its rich soft notes. Many intense blending sessions later, we have created this beautiful Cabernet Sauvignon that will be enjoyed for years to come.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The nose is full of cassis and currants, opening to vanilla, cocoa, and ripe blackberry. The palate has an amazing silky depth with rippling muscular tannins covered in jammy, ripe, dark berries, and melting black licorice.