



HILL FAMILY
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2011 “The Messenger” Red Wine

Production: 200 cases

Composition: 52% Syrah, 46% Cabernet Sauvignon & 2% Viognier

Vineyards: Beau Terre, Baker, Clarke Vineyard, Losey & Mogambo

Appellations: Oak Knoll, Atlas Peak & American Canyon

Cooperage: 16 months in French oak barrels (50% new oak)

Alcohol: 15.5% alc, 3.85 pH, 0.58 TA

Bottling Date: 7/26/2012

Release Date: Fall 2013

Release Price: \$48.00

Hill Family Estate is privileged to create this wine with Jared Hamman, a UFC fighter known in the ring as “The Messenger.” His direct and confrontational fighting style is echoed in this unique blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah known for its punch and vigor. The Messenger project is always a treat to blend, and eventually we find the place where this “Team of Rivals” fits together seamlessly, better than each could be separately. 2011 was a year where microclimates determined quality, and the Baker Vineyard kept on ripening and evolving when many other areas shut down. This gave the Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah a power and intensity not found in many wines throughout the 2011 vintage.

Winemaker Alison Doran’s tasting notes:

Big aromas of cassis and blackberry jam blend with toasty oak and spice. The palate is rich and deep with solid muscle structure. Smooth tannins and flavors of loganberry and fig jam center the wine, and there is an interesting flowery tequila flavor on the velvety finish.