

2011
NAPA VALLEY
RED WINE BLEND
FRAMEWORK

CORVALLE

THE WINE:

OUR INAUGURAL RELEASE OF FRAMEWORK IS AN ELEGANT BLEND OF CABERNET SAUVIGNON, SYRAH AND MERLOT SOURCED FROM AVAS ALONG THE NAPA VALLEY'S EASTERN RIDGE, INCLUDING COOMBSVILLE, ATLAS PEAK AND LOWER CHILES VALLEY. OVERALL A COOLER VINTAGE, 2011 PRODUCED A VIBRANT WINE WITH JUICY FRUIT AND SILKY TANNINS. THE WINE OPENS WITH AROMATICS OF BLACK CURRANT JAM, ALLSPICE AND TOBACCO LEAF, ENHANCED BY BLACK CHERRY, PLUM AND VANILLA ON THE PALATE.

THE BLEND:

CREATING CORVALLE'S FIRST BLEND ALLOWED ME TO TAKE A DIFFERENT TACK TO WINEMAKING AND BREAK OUT OF THE MOLD OF SINGLE VARIETAL AND SINGLE VINEYARD WINES THAT CORVALLE HAS BECOME KNOWN FOR. HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH MULTIPLE VINEYARDS, EACH WITH ITS OWN PERSONALITY, ALLOWED ME TO GET A LITTLE MORE CREATIVE AND HONE IN ON THE STRENGTHS OF EACH VARIETAL, CREATING A WINE THAT ACCENTUATES THE BEST PARTS OF EACH LOT.

THE BACKBONE OF THIS WINE IS A TRADITIONAL BORDEAUX BLEND OF CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND MERLOT, WITH THE FORMER CONTRIBUTING DARK FRUIT, TANNIN, AND STRUCTURE AND THE LATTER ADDING RIPE RED FRUIT. THE ADDITION OF SYRAH CONTRIBUTES SPICE, SMOKED MEAT, AND CHARACTERISTIC BLUE FRUIT THAT GIVE THE WINE AN ENERGETIC LIFT. AN UNUSUALLY COOL VINTAGE, 2011 YIELDED WINES OF LIGHTER BODY AND SOFTER TANNINS THAN THE TYPICAL RIPE AND EXTRACTED NAPA WINES. IT WAS A CHALLENGE TO MANAGE, BUT IT WAS A FUN CHALLENGE, ALLOWING ME TO EXPLORE THE MORE VIBRANT, ACID-DRIVEN SIDE OF THESE NOBLE VARIETALS.



RYAN MORELAND
OWNER & WINEMAKER

VINTAGE:
2011

VARIETAL:
40% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
40% SYRAH
20% MERLOT

VINEYARD:
KITOKO VNYD, HAGEN HEIGHTS VNYD,
MUEHLNER STEPS VNYD

AVA / APPELLATION:
NAPA VALLEY

HARVEST DATES:
OCTOBER 21 - 27, 2011

WINEMAKING:
- HARVESTED IN COOL MORNING HOURS,
COLD SOAK ON SKINS, AVERAGE OF OVER 3
WEEKS ON SKINS
- 45% NEW OAK (35% FRENCH, 10%
HUNGARIAN)

AROMA & TASTE:
- SOFT AND VELETY WITH RACY ACIDITY
- BLACK CURRANT JAM, BLACK CHERRY,
PLUM, ALLSPICE, VANILLA, TOBACCO LEAF

245 CASES PRODUCED, SRP \$35