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NAPA VALLEY
RED WINE

BLENDED IN THE RIGHT BANK TRADITION

A “virage” is a bend or turn in the road. Our winemaking road banks right, in the Bordeaux tradition, blending Cabernet Franc and Merlot ripened slowly in a temperate climate. This extended hangtime develops complexity and character reminiscent of a Grand Cru St. Emilion.

WINEMAKER NOTES:

2011 was a challenging year—from shatter in spring to rains at harvest; yet, almost an ideal crop to showcase the balanced, elegant beauty of cooler climate winegrowing. We literally shook every vine to remove fruit infected by botrytis in the wet harvest conditions. After further sorting at the winery, berries headed for the fermentor were beautiful. Offering naturally low alcohol, concentrated red & black fruit, and a persistent finish with signature Virage minerality, we’re very proud of this blend.



the blend: 69% CABERNET FRANC, 27% MERLOT,
4% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

vineyards: BEAU TERRIOR VINEYARDS, CARNEROS
KOMES RANCH, GREEG MOUNTAIN RANCH

vintage: HARVESTED - OCTOBER 2011

RELEASED - APRIL 2015

pH: 3.65 TA: 5.8 ALCOHOL: 13.8%

cooperage: BARREL AGED 21 MONTHS

IN 100% FRENCH OAK, 50% NEW

ERMITAGE, ALAIN FOUQUET, BOSSUET,

SYLVAIN

production: 481 CASES

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