



2010 HL Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaking Notes:

The 2010 HL Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon is a typical, cool climate, mountain wine with finesse rather than power and aggressive tannins. Although a little leaner vintage, this wine has tremendous structure. Left on the lees a little longer in the new French oak barrels, this wine has great character, breadth and depth. Winemaker Michael Trujillo says "The 2010 is a sexy, very accessible wine, with sweet nutty coconut and chestnut in the nose. There are generous red fruit flavors in the palate, expressive of a cool-climate wine, showing great structure and length. In the mouth, there are bright, fruity notes of black and red cherry, roasted chestnut and hints of mocha and coconut, with a lengthy cherry finish. The oak is well- integrated and shows vanilla and toasty notes in the young wine."

Vintage Notes

The 2010 vintage was one of extremes. We experienced record breaking cool temperatures throughout the spring and summer, with persistent fog throughout the growing season, and rains in June which affected the bloom and set resulting in a small crop. Then in August, we were hit by quick spike of heat which forced us to make additional passes to drop crop. Cool weather continued and the rains returned in mid-October, requiring us to harvest early without the luxury of an Indian summer.

Technical Data:

Alcohol: 14.4%

Barrels: 80% new French oak

Appellation: Napa Valley

Case production: 300

Vineyard: Herb Lamb Vineyard