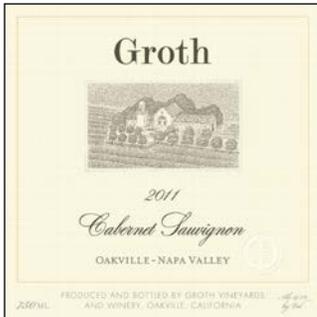




Groth
VINEYARDS & WINERY
Rooted in Oakville

2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY



Vintage: Very much like the 2010 harvest 2011 was a year punctuated by a direct move from Spring into Fall. Spring rains during bloom and set disrupted pollination of the grape flowers resulting in reduced yields across the board. In retrospect, this turned out to be a silver lining in an otherwise gray cloud. As the season progressed cool weather continued resulting in even more fruit being thinned off the vines. This long, cool growing season was crowned, fortunately, by a marvelous “Indian summer” of warm, dry days in September and October. This blessed weather event gave us wonderful fruit character at lower than normal sugars, alcohol levels. Later rains in late-October, early November had minimal impact on any remaining Cabernet on the vines. Overall, the vintage was a challenge but due to a lot of work in the vineyards and in the winery we are blessed with wonderful wines again from this amazing area.

Harvest: The Cabernet Sauvignon fruit is grown on our Estate controlled vineyards, in the Oakville AVA, in the heart of the Napa Valley. The fruit is night harvested, cluster sorted by hand, crushed and put into small tanks for fermentation.

Winemaking: Fermentation was carried out over a ten-day period in small, temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks at an average temperature of 85 F. After pressing and settling, the wine was transferred to small French oak barrels for aging. The sweet vanilla character derived from 22 months in the barrels blends well with the black cherry and blackberry flavors and aromas of the wine.

Winemaker tasting notes: The 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon is big and lush with huge gobs of fruit in the aroma and flavor. The texture of the wine is soft and supple, typical of Cabernet Sauvignons grown in our area of the Oakville AVA.

Menu suggestion: “A slab and a Cab”, Dennis Groth recommends you drink his Cabernet Sauvignon with steak.

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Key Points

- Oakville Appellation
- Cabernet Sauvignon 88%, Merlot 12%
- Pick dates October 22 to November 3
- Night Harvest
- Aged in French oak barrels for 22 months, 60% new French oak.
- Bottled in August 2013