

KAMEN
ESTATE WINES

Ripe fruit. Low yields. High quality.

THE 2011 CABERNET FALL RELEASE

It's hard to believe another vintage has passed since I last wrote to thank all of you for supporting our continued efforts atop our mountain to grow and produce the very best wines we can from our rock strewn vineyard. Living among the vines gives me a special appreciation for how very hard our entire crew works to ensure that the fruit grown and the wines made from it reach for perfection vintage after vintage. So, in addition to thanking you, I would like to take this moment to thank Mark Herold our Winemaker, Phil Coturri our Viticulturist, and their staffs, for everything they contribute in the effort to bring to you, our clients and friends, the quality you have come to expect and appreciate in all our wines.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt invitation to each and every one of you to come out and visit us; to walk among the vines and see where the wines you enjoy throughout the year begin their journey that ends up in the bottle you will open, the glass you will pour.

Hope to see you here soon.

Cheers

— ROBERT MARK KAMEN





WINEGROWING INFORMATION

The 2011 growing season at Kamen Estate Vineyard was marked by even, cool temperatures with only one heat spike over the July 4th holiday. Because of the cool spring, we experienced a later than usual bud break. A vigorous canopy required constant manipulation to ensure the dappled sunlight, which is instrumental in producing mature, ripe fruit. The long, cool season provided ample hang time resulting in soft, yet firm tannins, great aromatics and abundantly fresh acidity. The harvest delivered ripe, voluptuous and structured fruit.

TASTING NOTES

2011 was amongst the most challenging vintages in Northern California. The ridiculously low yields at Kamen Estate produced an aromatic powerhouse. This wine exudes aromas of sun-baked volcanic rock, black raspberry turnover, candied black cherry, espresso bean, graphite, black cardamom, hints of suede and fresh purple flowers.

The palate is focused, seamless and elegant. Rich with flavors of black China tea, black cherries, currants, dark cocoa powder and rock. This wine will age gracefully over the next 15 years.

ACCOLADES

“... very good density and inner tension. Insistent tones of dark red and black fruit, mint and flowers are supported by firm yet nicely integrated tannins. Crushed rocks, melted road tar and violets are some of the many notes that are layered into the vibrant finish.” —*Antonio Galloni, July 2013*

“Not surprisingly, the 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon is an elegant, lighter-styled wine exhibiting sweet cassis fruit, soft tannins and a velvety, medium-bodied mouthfeel. It can be consumed now and over the next 7–8 years.” —*Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #210, December 2013*

Vineyard Information

100% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon at elevations of 1100–1450 ft.
Moon Mountain District, Certified Organic & Biodynamic Vineyards

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.3%
Production: 2000 cases
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