

2011 CASA PIENA CABERNET SAUVIGNON ESTATE, YOUNTVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

This wine is the result of the synthesis of our winemaking goals and the detailed care and attention paid to all aspects of the farming program. We work intimately with the Barbour Vineyard's team to come up with a precise farming regimen to accommodate each variable and maximize the potential of the site with the ultimate goal being vine uniformity. This is achieved through utilizing different cover crops in different blocks as well as cultural practices such as leaf-thinning for canopy management and fruit thinning to ward off bunch rot and establish phenological maturity. The most influential variable for 2011 was of course the climate. When you're working with a challenging year, creative and effective farming practices are paramount to overall success. We couldn't be happier with the end result of this wine in the glass. It embodies all the character of the site and delivers a rich, complex and complete Cabernet that once again balances all the fruit and savory notes the estate has become famous for.