

2011 Sonoma County *Cuvée Christine Syrah*

The 2011 Cuvée Christine is a glimpse into our world of Sonoma County Syrah, encompassing the vast spectrum of flavors available to the region. Imagine it as a postcard sent from Sonoma vineyards to your dinner table. This Christine is the most elegant version of this wine yet. The 2011 offers wafts of simmering cranberry sauce, blackberry-stained hands, and pot-de-crème. The mouthfeel is centered around the mid-palate, which provides stability from the beginning through to the finish, with flavors of charred steak and espresso beans.

After nearly 5 years in bottle, the vivid flavors continue with brightness on the palate that has not faded with time and continues to drink exceptionally well.

Vineyard Notes:

Location

The 2011 vintage contains syrah selected from Walker Vine Hill Vineyard in the Russian River Valley, Obsidian Vineyard in Knights Valley, Windsor Oak Vineyards, and Steiner Ranch Vineyard.

Cellar Notes:

The 2011 Christine represents the result of over twenty blending trials over many months. Blending is one of the most important aspects of winemaking. For us, the blend must not only be harmonious but also create a lasting impression of Sonoma County Syrah through the breadth of flavors that emerge from all of the properties we partner with.

Percentage New Oak

35%

Composition

100% Syrah

Barrel Aging

22 months

Alcohol

13.9%

Bottling Date

September 6, 2013

Production

800 cases

~40% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML

