

Tasting Notes

2011 Nota Bene

Bud Break:	May 4, 2011
Veraison:	August 18, 2011
Oak Regime:	80% French, 20% American
Barrel Age:	1/3 new barrel, 1/3 one year old and 1/3 two year old
Primary Coopers:	Radoux, Le Roi, Alain Fouquet and Saury
Harvest Dates:	October 25 to November 4, 2011
Bottling Dates:	September 17 - 19, 2012
Final Blend:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50% Cabernet Sauvignon• 40% Merlot• 10% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 14%

Winemaker's Notes

This complex and delicious blend comes charging out of the glass with a bouquet of blackberry, cherry, plum and chocolate. The palate delivers rich dark fruits with a hint of sagebrush and notes of fine cocoa tannins. Notable for its beautiful balance, it should hold well through 2020 or decant and drink now. A great pairing with rich braised or grilled meat.

GRAHAM PIERCE, WINEMAKER

2011 Vineyard Notes

A mild winter and extended spring in 2011 provided optimal conditions for accelerated growth and an abundant crop. Generous primary growth allowed us to choose the most desirable clusters and reduce the crop load sooner. Early crop reduction and precise viticulture practices showed desirable ripening through the season. Hot, dry weather at the end of August and through September produced excellent flavour development and complexity.

STEVE CARBERRY, WINEGROWER

