

2010. Red Mare Wines. Napa Valley. Cabernet Sauvignon

Dark cherry notes dominate the nose of our 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon. At its edges, there are more dark blue fruits than the bright red fruits we usually find. The earthiness of cherry pit comes through along with a hint of cedar, lush caramel, and black pepper. There is an enticing hint of black olive, anise, along with dried herb. In the mouth, the wine expresses its fruit and dynamic undertones. It is a structured and full-bodied wine, with a generous and long finish. As this wine sits in the glass, it evolves quite a bit, hinting that it will improve significantly with age. 1/24/13

2010 Vintage Notes:

The 2010 vintage brought us out of the dry years with an intensely wet spring. Consistent and abundant rain events persisted into May, delaying bud break and bloom, taking us out of the realm of frost concerns, but pushing back our ripening window. Again summer was marked by consistently cooler than average day time temperatures. These days looked to linger until we were hit on August 23rd and 24th with a notable heat spike, reaching over 110F. This rocked vine development and slowed ripening as vines shut down to protect themselves from the intense heat. Again we swung back to cool temperatures until a push of warmer days in late September marked the end of the season.

Production: 1,022 cases

TA: 6.12 g/L pH: 3.69 Alc: 14.5%

Vineyard or Appellation Breakdown:
73% Alsace Vineyard ~ Rutherford
17% Crocker Vineyard ~ St Helena
10% Hestia Vineyard ~ Coombsville
100% French Oak
40% New Oak

Red Mare Wines' Cabernet Sauvignon is known for having a core of bright red fruit, balanced acidity and silky tannins.