

2011 BUCEPHALUS

WINEMAKER NOTES:

The 2011 vintage had moments of exceptional and shining quality. The winter and early spring rains postponed bloom by several weeks allowing for a long, cool growing season. Just prior to the peak of our Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and Zinfandel harvest, a strong warming period ensued. This provided just enough heat to push the grapes to nearly perfect sugar levels. The long, cool growing season produced red wines with brilliant color, exceptional complexity and elegant, plush fruit flavors.

TASTING NOTES:

By selecting small lots of only the finest fruit from premiere Napa Valley vineyards, using specially selected barrels, and meticulously blending until we achieve perfection is the manner in which we create Bucephalus. The 2011 Bucephalus showcases aromas of ripe blue and black fruit, toasty vanilla, cinnamon spice and a nuance of cedar. The opulent aromas integrate beautifully with the rich, ripe, fruit flavors of plum and blueberry, and a subtle suggestion of clove. Soft velvety tannins and lasting finish balance this refined full-bodied wine.

BLEND: 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot, 1.5% Syrah & 1.5% Zinfandel AGING: 37% New French Oak for 24 Months ALCOHOL: 14.5 | TA: 0.60g/100ml | pH: 3.69

