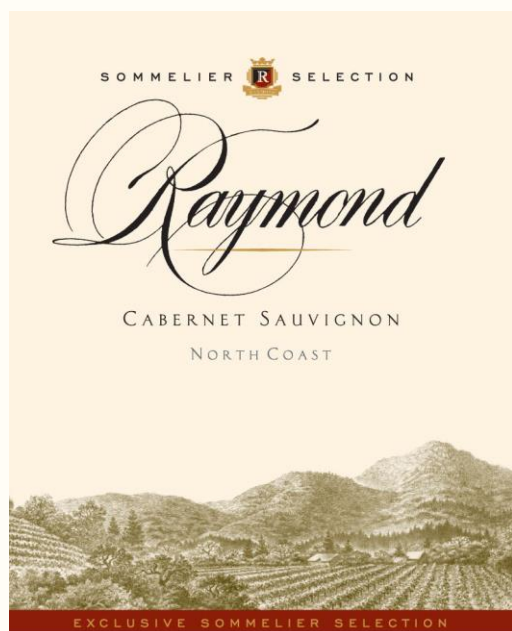


NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2011 Sommelier Selection Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: North Coast

Varietal: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon,
13% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 13.5% by vol.

pH: 3.69

TA: 6.2 g/L

Case production: 5,000

In the Vineyard

2011 was as challenging as it was educational. What began with a wet winter and spring continued with rainfall into mid-June causing delayed bloom and significant shatter in parts of the valley. The precipitation totals for the season found the region more than a third above normal in rainfall, and while this was good news for water resources, the cloud cover and cool temperatures delayed vine development by several weeks at the onset of the growing season. Despite this, we found that the flavors from this vintage developed at lower brix, giving us the opportunity to make truly elegant wines at lower alcohol levels.

Conversations with the Winemakers

Raymond Vineyard's Sommelier Selection Cabernet Sauvignon was crafted by a group of influential sommeliers at the finest restaurants and inspired by the rich history of our world renowned winegrowing region.

This blend is comprised of fruit from three unique appellations, Napa Valley, Sonoma County, and Lake County. Napa Valley is the backbone of the blend, with its terroir providing the fullest expression of black fruits and integrated tannins; Sonoma County's fog influence produces grapes that give the wine structure, balance and acidity; Lake County's growing season is short, making for red, jammy wines that are easy to enjoy.

Wine Profile

The 2011 Sommelier Selection Cabernet Sauvignon opens with notes of cedar, tobacco leaf and licorice. This full-bodied elegant wine fills the palate with flavors of cherry, black currant grilled Portobello mushrooms and black pepper. The wine displays an excellent structure and perfect balance.