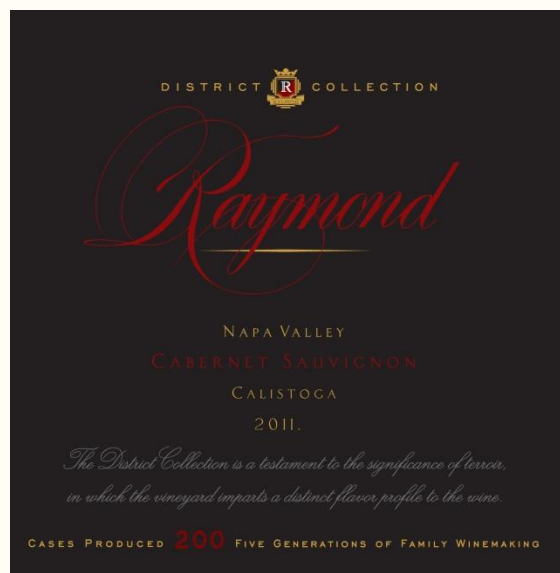


NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

## 2011 DISTRICT COLLECTION CALISTOGA CABERNET SAUVIGNON



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**APPELLATION:** Calistoga, Napa Valley

**VARIETAL:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**PH:** 3.64

**TA:** 6.64 g/L

**AGEING:** 18 months in French Oak, 60% new French Oak

**PRODUCTION:** 200 cases

### IN THE VINEYARD

At the foot of Mount St. Helena, Calistoga's warmer climate and volcanic soils produce wines of unmistakable character. With a southwestern exposure and deep, established roots that allow for the use of minimal irrigation, the vines produce berries that were crafted into a wine with excellent flavor, body and overall complexity.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2011 was as challenging as it was educational. 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 WINEMAKER

The grapes were fermented on the skins for 27 days with pumpovers twice daily. After fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 18 months in French oak barrels, 60% new French Oak. Tightly grained, French oak barrels from forests in the center of France impart their oak on wines slowly for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon. The result is a balanced wine that is a true expression of the varietal and its terroir.

### WINE PROFILE

Our 2011 vintage opens with inviting aromas of dark fruits, black licorice, and sassafras that effortlessly gives way to mouthwatering flavors of huckleberry, blackberry, and graham cracker. Polished tannins and perfect acidity will allow this wine to age gracefully over the next 8-10 years.