



# AIDA ESTATE 2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**Harvest Dates**

October 13 – October 22, 2011

**Barrel Age**

20 months in French Oak, 75% new tight grain, thin stave 22mm barrels

**Cooperage**

Taransaud, Demptos, Ermitage, Baron

**Bottling Date**

June 12, 2013

**Alcohol**

14.8%

**Release Date**

Spring 2014

We have been fueled by our belief that Aida would be an ideal site for growing Bordeaux varietals since our acquisition of this wonderful vineyard in 2000. Each harvest has affirmed our initial belief and makes us eagerly anticipate the next vintage.

The 2011 vintage began with a wet winter. Spring ushered in an abundance of cool, rainy days that continued into early summer. During this time vines focused on canopy growth rather than reproductive growth, resulting in a minuscule fruit set in a cooler than average growing season. In order to fully maximize sun exposure, our strategy in the vineyards was to open up the canopies and allow the clusters to have direct sunlight and air flow. While the 2011 harvest was stingy with yields, this vineyard focused approach produced optimal flavors at a lower brix levels, creating wines of great intensity, structure and acidity.

Deeply saturated and ruby in hue, our 2011 Aida Estate Cabernet opens with enticing aromas of red and black fruits and sweet cigar box. The palate is perfectly focused with bright cherry and black cassis offering a tempting prelude to secondary notes of cocoa, crushed stone and dried herbs. Fine grain tannins weave a structure and mouth-feel that is silky and decadent all the way through its lengthy finish. Fragrant, lush and elegantly finessed, decant for a minimum of an hour to enjoy now or cellar for 15 to 18 years.

**Cases Produced:** 705

**Retail Price:** \$195 ~ 750ml