



## **2011 CLARET**

Our flagship wine is full and rich and utterly even across the palate: side-to-side and front-to-back. The Bordeaux Blend, Napa-Style! Foley Claret is a Bordeaux blend of the best we have. The classic character of slowly but thoroughly ripened Cabernet family varieties show beautifully in a medley of black cherry and currant aromas – 17% Merlot provides a dollop of weight in the mid-palate while 80% Cabernet Sauvignon introduces a flood of fine mouth-coating tannin. The finish is lengthened by the 3% Petit Verdot to provide a long and soft finish of berry and espresso. This wine is made to be enjoyed in its youth and will age gracefully for decades to come.

The mountain vineyards (Howell Mountain, Mount Veeder) share a common denominator in structure – big firm shoulders, masculine tannins, but individual characteristics. Howell Mountain, at 2000ft, on the east side of Napa Valley, has extreme exposure, larger temperature swings, and volcanic soil, creating very firm tannins. Mount Veeder has geologically churned volcanic and ocean-floor soil and the vineyard is nestled in a dense wild forest, which contributes exotic aromatics of menthol and spice in a slightly more refined interplay. Calistoga vineyards are hotter and earlier to ripen, which provides the mid-palate lushness of glycerin and a higher alcohol.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Wine: 2011 Claret

Appellation: Napa Valley [Calistoga, Howell Mountain, Mount Veeder]

Vineyards: Mountain and Valley floor – see above

Varieties: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot

Harvest: Hand picked October 2011

Vinification: Ten-day fermentation, French Oak barrels [20 months]

Alcohol: 14.5% Bottled: May 2013 Production: 450 cases Winemaker: Bob Foley Retail price: \$110