



ALPHA OMEGA

2011

PROPRIETARY RED
Napa Valley



This Cabernet Sauvignon dominated wine was designed to be a Bordeaux blend with pure Napa Valley pedigree. Utilizing some of the most sought after vineyards such as Beckstoffer To Kalon and Beckstoffer Las Piedras, we created a dense wine that has more diversity in its profile. We consider our Proprietary Red the intellectual offering of our current releases.

Winemaker Notes:

"Napa Valley faced myriad challenges in 2011. A cool and wet spring delayed the growing season and also created major shatter. The positive is it allowed the vine to concentrate its effort into the remaining clusters and giving them intense flavors. Summer temperatures rarely rose above 90° F. By the beginning of September, the season was weeks behind the norm, but it really helped the balance between acidity and ripeness, protecting the acidity from being burned. In early October, with the forecast calling for significant rain, growers faced a choice: Pick before the rain and settle for less than optimum ripening or hope the grapes would weather the storm. Alpha Omega decided to pick the vineyards that were not well drained before the rain and the ones that were after. This decision gave us a diversity of ripeness which helped the wine reach a deep and complex profile."

-Jean Hoefliger

Color: intense cranberry red with purple on the rim

On the nose: strong cedar with touches of cigar box and hints of licorice balanced with rosemary, white pepper and nutmeg evolving on saw dust, dark cherry and baked brioche

On the palate: soft but fresh entrance of blackberries, cassis and elderberry lingering on dense tannins and touches of Italian spice

Blend: 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot, 3% Merlot

Fermentation: 50% barrel, 50% tank

Aging: 22 months, 80% new French oak, 20% in 1 year old barrels

Vineyards: Beckstoffer To Kalon, Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper, Beckstoffer Las Piedras, Sacrashe, Escher, Sunshine Valley, Stagecoach, Newton, and Lyons

Case Production: 1,600

Alcohol by Volume: 14.1%