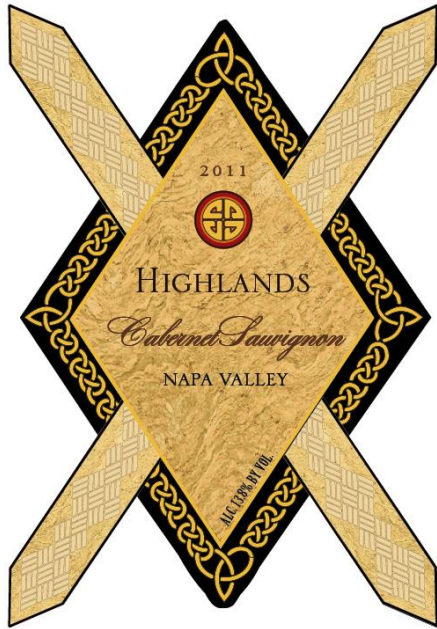


# 2011 Oak Knoll Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



**WINE PHILOSOPHY:** Highland's wines confirm that quality wine making starts in the vineyard. Every vintage presents unique opportunities to explore and express the best the fruit and terroir has to offer. To maximize vintage opportunities Highlands focuses on small lot production using inspired and uncompromising winemaking techniques. Bottling wines of intensity and exceptional character demonstrates our commitment to excellence. We at Highlands appreciate your participation in our discriminating enological experience of handcrafted wines.

**FOOD PARINGS:** Beyond the traditional Cabernet Sauvignon parings for a wine of balance and quality tannins, consider dishes that include quince, arugula, mushrooms, fresh rosemary, and grass-fed beef or game meats.

**VINTAGE NOTES:** The 2011 vintage was marked by cool temperatures and early rain which provided a challenge for ripening. After a consistently cool summer season, significant mid-October rain pushed the vintage even later. But growers were rewarded with weeks of fantastic weather; a prolonged Indian summer that provided needed ripening time.

**TASTING NOTES:** This is a wine that, when opened and readily consumed, embraces the red meats and flavorful cheeses, yet when decanted broadens into a complex and versatile wine with almost unlimited food parings. Expect this dense and concentrated wine to fill the nose with alluring dark fruit characters enhanced by cassis and gentle oak. Enjoy how the vibrant fruit flavors fill the front palate and then give way to full, soft and supple tannins with an acid and alcohol balance structured for a lingering delicious finish.

**CELLARING:** This is a structured wine that is ready to drink now with red meats and cheeses. It will gain complexity and character for many years of interest with proper cellaring.

## TECHNICAL DATA :

<b>Fermentation</b>	<b>Small Stainless Steel Tanks</b>
<b>Aging</b>	<b>18 months in 33% new French Oak Barrels</b>
<b>Blend Varietals</b>	<b>85% Cabernet Sauvignon 15% Merlot</b>
<b>Blend Appellation</b>	<b>100% Napa Valley</b>
<b>Production</b>	<b>850 Cases</b>
<b>Alc</b>	<b>15.0%</b>
<b>pH</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>TA</b>	<b>0.61 g/100ml</b>



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