

2010 SEOUOIA GROVE CAMBIUM

This is the flagship wine of Sequoia Grove Winery, highlighting the best of the vintage by using the very best fruit found in the Napa Valley. The 2010 Cambium offers complex aromas of chocolate and mocha layered with spice. Flavors of blackberry and notes of blueberry intertwine with hints of vanilla. There is a dusty, mineral note mixed with dried strawberry in the background. On the palate, the wine has a beautiful long arc of flavor, starting with mocha and vanilla and ending with lovely, fine tannins. Cellar for up to 10-15 years.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING

Each component of Cambium is individually selected every vintage, and only the very best of hundreds of lots make the final cut. This 2010 Cambium includes Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot from Stagecoach Vineyard in the Atlas Peak AVA; Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc from our Tonella Vineyard in Rutherford; and Cabernet Sauvignon from the Morisoli Vineyard, also in Rutherford.

All of the fruit was picked by hand, then sorted twice, first by cluster, then berry by berry. After a two-day cold soak, the individual lots were inoculated with an assortment of French yeast strains. The wine aged for 22 months in French oak before bottling, then aged almost two years in our cellar before release in May 2014.

THE 2010 VINTAGE

The 2010 vintage was a welcome relief from the dry weather pattern of the previous three years. A wet winter led into a wet spring, which eventually resulted in lower yields. The coolest summer in 40 years pushed the beginning of our harvest into mid-October, when the warm weather and sunshine finally arrived. Although everything usually comes in at the same time, this year it REALLY came in all at the same time. Like a pulling off a Band-Aid quickly, in three short weeks, the entire harvest was over, from Sauvignon Blanc to Cabernet Sauvignon. When the last grapes were in, we all agreed it was one of the most nerve-wracking harvests in a long time, but while the yields were lower, they had some of the most phenomenal color and flavor development we'd seen in a while, which made it all worth it.

WINE STATS

Cases produced: 468
Alcohol: 14.4%
TA: 5.8 g/L
pH: 3.73

Blend percentages: 73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc,

3% Petit Verdot

Oak: 22 months in French oak, 80% new

Appellation: Napa Valley