

2011 SEQUOIA 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. Dark red in color with an immediate hit of chocolate and mocha, followed by allspice, cinnamon, nutmeg, and vanilla. As the wine opens up, there are flavors of dried strawberry, blueberry, and blackberry with a touch of dust and mineral notes in the background. On the palate, the initial flavor is intense mocha, flowing into vanilla and chocolate. Velvety tannins carry the wine overall, supported with a mineral freshness, and ending with a lingering chocolate/spice flavor.

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 2011 Cambium includes Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc from Tonella Vineyard (Rutherford), Cabernet Sauvignon from Stagecoach Vineyard (Atlas Peak) and Cabernet Franc from Frediani Vineyard (Calistoga).

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 2015.

THE 2011 VINTAGE

It was a challenging vintage for Napa Valley but not much different than a typical Bordeaux vintage. A late and wet spring crawled into a cool summer. We finally got some of the heat we had been waiting for all year, only to have to play chicken with the rain coming in October. This is the vintage when it pays to know your producer because consistent wineries will give great results year after year. We at Sequoia Grove are very lucky to work with some amazing growers who did what it took to get fabulous quality in 2011, especially our estate Tonella property. We love the challenging vintages as it is really when we get to prove our worth as winemakers.

WINE STATS

Cases produced: 402
Alcohol: 14.4%
TA: 5.6 g/L
pH: 3.8

Blend percentages: 73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Cabernet Franc

Oak: 22 months in French oak, 100% new

Appellation: Napa Valley