

# THE BRANDER VINEYARD



## Brander 2011 Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

As vivacious as is it delicious, our 2011 Estate Reserve Cabernet is a superb example of our classically-informed winemaking style. An engaging magenta in color, this Reserve Cabernet-produced entirely from grapes grown on our estate vineyard- opens with an ethereal nose of dried rose petals, cardamom, cured black olives, and Cuban cigar box. Interwoven flavors of black currant, warm sour cherry compote, dried wild sage, sun-ripened raspberry, and the slightest suggestion of black licorice grace this deeply structured Cabernet. While supremely drinkable now, this wine will reward the patience of those who can manage to wait, and will drink beautifully through 2021. Fine food pairings might include a rare filet en crouete with a balsamic and black pepper reduction, roasted winter vegetables with arugula and Gruyere on a bed of Forbidden Rice, or the simple luxury of taking time to watch the arc of the sun traipse across a winter sky.

### Technical Information:

Cases Produced: 135

Vineyard Sources: 100% Brander Estate Vineyard

Harvest Date: October 27-28, 2011

Chemistry at harvest: Brix: 24.3; pH: 3.48

Winemaking: Hand-harvested and carefully sorted, this wine was aged for 14 months in 100% French oak barrels, 60% of which were new.

Bottling date: 1/21/13

Optimal drinking window: 2014-2021



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