

STAGLIN

FAMILY VINEYARD

2011 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rutherford, Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	October 1, 2014
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	October 3 - October 31, 2011
<i>Barrel Aging</i>	25 Months
<i>Oak</i>	100% French, 95% new, 5% used
<i>Blend</i>	91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.1%



Winemaker Tasting Notes

As a whole, the 2011 growing season was cool and moderate with gobs of sunshine and minimal fog throughout the summer. It started as one of the wettest and longest lasting winters of recent times with treacherous conditions during flowering which naturally limited set and significantly reduced yields. After some unseasonably late rains, a beneficially dry and fog free pattern established itself allowing the vines long, sunlit days to ripen and mature the fruit at lower levels of sugar and higher levels of acid resulting in fresh and expressive wines.

Like the midnight sky, the broodingly dark color of the 2011 Staglin serves as a dramatic backdrop and counterpoint to the sparkling liveliness and lift exhibited by this wine. A complex nose of savory-herb and camphor infused blackcurrant and Mission fig is deepened by rich notes of forest floor and green olives with hints of anise. An impeccably balanced and ethereal palate of cinnamon inflected black-and-blueberries melts seamlessly into a silky leather, loam and mineral driven finish that is given a beautifully delicate structure by the super fine-grained tannins that mark the vintage.