



CHATEAU ST JEAN®

2011 CINQ CÉPAGES

VINTAGE & VINEYARDS

Cinq Cépages is the flagship wine of Chateau St. Jean. Each year, Winemaker Margo Van Staaveren selects fruit from the finest Bordeaux varietal vineyards to craft a wine that showcases the best of Sonoma County. The primary grape sources for the 2011 vintage are Alexander, Knights and Sonoma Valleys, including the Moon Mountain District. The Alexander Valley grapes highlight bright berry with back notes of dried herbs. The Knights Valley fruit adds boysenberry flavors and elegant tannins, and finally the Moon Mountain grapes bring black, dense mountain fruit to the blend.

WINEMAKING

The 2011 Cinq Cépages ("Five Varieties") is a blend of the classic Bordeaux grapes consisting of Cabernet Sauvignon (52%), Merlot (39%), Cabernet Franc (4%), Petit Verdot (3%), and Malbec (2%). All five varietal components are used each vintage to create the stylized blend that is Cinq Cépages. Before blending, each component is aged separately for twenty months in mostly French (97%) and some American (3%) oak, with just over half of the barrels being new (59%). Once the components are assembled, the blend spends an additional year in the bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES

The 2011 Cinq Cépages offers layered aromas of blackberry, black cherry, and star anise spice. Intriguing, nuanced notes of violet and graphite add depth to the nose. The aromas lead to a plush palate with flavors of blueberry, fresh Santa Rosa plum and blackberry. Additional flavors of cocoa powder and brown spice add to the complexity. The full-bodied wine has fine grained tannins that offer solid structure but do not overwhelm. The wine, slow to evolve in the glass, shows density and elegance. In signature Cinq Cépages form, this wine combines the strength of the diverse Sonoma County region to create a well-balanced, complex and powerful wine.



SOURCING

Alexander Valley, Knight's Valley,
& Sonoma Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

52% Cabernet Sauvignon
39% Merlot
4% Cabernet Franc
3% Petit Verdot
2% Malbec

VINIFICATION

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ANALYSIS

Alc: 14.4% TA: 0.61 g/100 ml pH: 3.61