



CHATEAU ST JEAN®

2010 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 2010 vintage are Alexander, Dry Creek, Knights and Sonoma Valleys. The Alexander Valley grapes highlight bright berry with back notes of dried herbs, while the Dry Creek Valley brings in black fruit characteristics and rich texture. The Knights Valley fruit adds boysenberry flavors and elegant tannins and finally, the Sonoma Valley grapes bring black, dense mountain fruit to the blend.

WINEMAKING

The 2010 Cinq Cépages ("Five Varieties") is a Bordeaux-style blend consisting of Cabernet Sauvignon (78%), Merlot (12%), Cabernet Franc (5%), Petit Verdot (3%), and Malbec (2%). All five varietal components are used each vintage to create the stylized blend that is Cinq Cépages. Each component is aged separately for twenty months in French (88%) and American (12%) oak before blending. Once the components are assembled, the blend spends an additional year in the bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES

The 2010 Cinq Cépages is a stunning color in the glass, deep ruby with a subtle violet colored rim. Layered aromas are vivid; black plum, blackberry compote, clove spice, tanned leather and a hint of fresh tobacco leaf. Secondary aromas of raspberry and spiced cherry mingle with notes of violet and pomegranate. The aromas lead to an incredibly juicy palate with flavors of blueberry, cherry and blackberry. Nuanced flavors of espresso and a distinct mocha component add to the complexity. The full-bodied wine has smooth, silky tannins that offer solid structure but do not overwhelm. The wine is plush and approachable yet complex and appealing in the glass. 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, Dry Creek Valley,
Knight's Valley & Sonoma Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

78% Cabernet Sauvignon
12% Merlot
5% Cabernet Franc
3% Petit Verdot
2% Malbec

VINIFICATION

Aged separately for twenty months
in French oak (88%) and American oak
(12%) barrels

ANALYSIS

Alc: 14.4% TA: 0.62 g/100 ml pH: 3.64