

2011 CABERNET FRANC
napa valley

In 1983, Tony Peju bought thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of the Napa Valley. Since then, the Peju family has maintained a meticulous focus on the vineyard, which has grown to include a proactive approach to sustainability and environmental consciousness. That long-standing commitment and respect for the grapes can be tasted with each sip of these balanced and elegant wines. Still family-owned and operated with daughters Lisa and Ariana poised to take the helm, the winery has become an integral piece of the Napa Valley landscape.

VINEYARD

Our Rutherford Estate is a California Certified Organic vineyard, and is planted primarily with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The winery's two additional properties, located in Pope Valley and Calistoga, are both Certified Sustainable vineyards. At Persephone Ranch in Pope Valley, the climate is suited to grow Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, as well as Zinfandel, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. In Calistoga, we grow blending varieties Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Drawing from such varied terroir, the wines exhibit the perfect blend of mountain fruit focus and Rutherford complexity.

VINTAGE

2011 was a difficult but rewarding year for the Napa Valley. Cooler than average temperatures into the summer along with more rainfall than normal presented myriad challenges to the vineyard team, but we finished with a successful harvest after several warm weeks in late October. This vintage ultimately yielded small quantities of beautifully balanced and intricate wines with lower alcohol levels. At 99% Cabernet Franc, this wine exhibits unbridled varietal character with a distinct layer of lush California fruit.

TASTING

A classic Cab Franc showcasing savory dried herbs, tea, sage, cedar, black and white pepper, and a range of red and dark fruits; this wine is refined and structured with uniformly smooth tannins and a clean finish.

APPELLATION
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VINEYARD
persephone, rutherford estate

COMPOSITION
*99% cabernet franc,
1% cabernet sauvignon*

COOPERAGE
*french and american oak,
40% new*

AGING
18 months

ALCOHOL
14.5%

TA
6.8 g/l

PH
3.71

HARVEST DATE
october 2011

BOTTLING DATE
july 2013

RELEASE DATE
january 2014

CELLARING
enjoy now through 2020

PRODUCTION
1056

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