



# Girard

NAPA VALLEY

## 2010 ARTISTRY

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### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2010 vintage as a whole was a cooler, longer vintage than previous years. This produced less overall tonnage but helped concentrate flavors. Sourcing Cabernet Sauvignon from various regions within Napa Valley allowed us to balance flavor components in our Cabernet lots, giving us a broad range of characteristics with which to blend. Our Merlot vineyards exhibited bright cherry and herbs while our Malbec vineyards helped create a juicy mid-palate. Cabernet Franc from Pope Valley benefitted from long hang time and developed highly concentrated fruit character with lovely aromatics.

### VINEYARD NOTES

We sourced Cabernet Sauvignon from St. Helena, Stags Leap, Oakville and Pope Valley within Napa Valley. Merlot and Malbec was sourced from Yountville and Rutherford while our primary Cabernet Franc comes from the Pope Valley region of Napa that tends to allow for longer hang time. The Petit Verdot vineyards tend to be our last fruit brought in, allowing for very complex character and tannin development.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2010 Artistry showcases a nose of blackberry, currant and vanilla bean interlaced with toasted spices. Hints of chocolate-covered cherries and sweet tobacco unfold as the palate reveals mocha and boysenberry. As a young wine, the tannins are already revealing a well-integrated texture. With age, the tannins should develop even further melding with the notes of leather and toasty oak to round out the finish seamlessly.

### A NOTE FROM THE WINEMAKER

*"Artistry, our flagship blend, is our opportunity to take the best lots from each vintage and create a blend that showcases all Napa Valley has to offer. This is the moment in winemaking where we get to use our left brain and exhibit the artistic side of our craft. We have at our disposal over 60 different lots to choose from and meticulously blend until we find what we believe is the perfect combination. We hope you enjoy our efforts."*

*Cheers, Glenn Hugo*

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc, 8% Malbec, 6% Petit Verdot

GROWING REGION Napa Valley | PRODUCTION 6,700 cases

ALCOHOL 15.1% | pH 3.55 | TIME IN OAK 21 months in 100% French Oak, 35% new