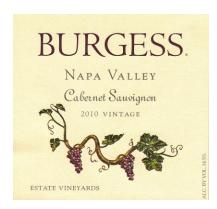


## **CABERNET SAUVIGNON -- Napa Valley**



Vintage: 2010

Appellation: Napa Valley, California

Vineyard Locations: Burgess Estate Vineyards, Western &

Eastern slopes of Howell Mountain

Grape Variety: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon,

7% Cabernet Franc, 7% Merlot, 4% Malbec,

2% Petit Verdot

Winemaking data: Alcohol 14.5%; pH 3.73; T.A. 0.62

100% Malolactic Fermentation

Harvest Notes: A lighter crop than usual due to a

midsummer heat wave.

## **Description:**

The Burgess Cellars' hillside vineyards are on the steep slopes of Howell Mountain. The various exposures result in grapes that complement one another and build a complex and delicious wine. Soils range from volcanic ash to rocky marine sediments, this, combined with mature vines and skilled wine making give us a complex and elegant wine. The wine shows off dense Cabernet Sauvignon character accented with vanilla, balancing spices and toasty oak from traditional barrel aging in 20% new French oak for 22 months.

## **Vineyard & Winemaker Notes:**

The 2010 growing season experienced earlier bud break than 2009, but flowering and veraison occurred up to two weeks later than normal. A prolonged frost season lasted until the end of May, though there was no frost damage in our mountain vineyard. The relatively cool growing season coupled with two unexpected heat spikes, one in late August and the other at the end of September helped to propel ripening. Cooler than average temperatures returned in early September, but gave way to a welcome warm and consistent Indian Summer. These factors contributed to grapes of concentrated flavors which resulted in wines which are elegant, structured and truly balanced.

Cases produced: 6,040

Release date: Spring 2014 Suggested Retail: \$44.00