

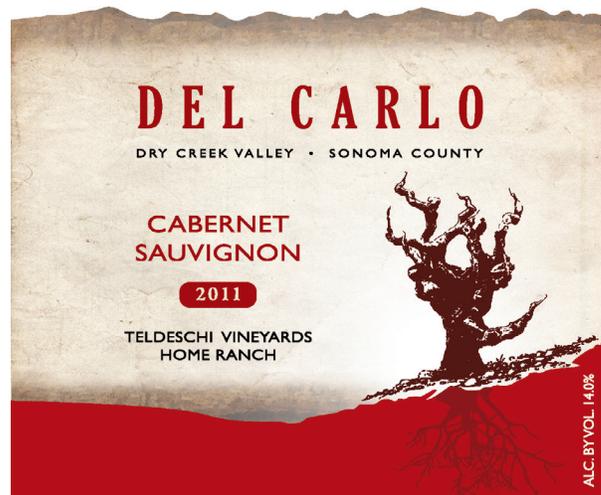
DEL CARLO

DRY CREEK VALLEY

2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Teldeschi Vineyards ~ Home Ranch ~ Dry Creek Valley

Appellation	Dry Creek Valley
Vineyard	Teldeschi Vineyards - Home Ranch
Harvest Date	September 30, 2011
Brix	26°
T.A.	0.65 gm/100ml
pH	3.65
Cooperage	10 months in French oak barrels, 20% new mid-forest French oak
Alcohol	13.5%
Bottling Date	July 9, 2012
Production	200 cases
Release Date	December 2014



Vineyard and Winemaking Notes

The 2011 vintage provided winegrowers with many challenges, but we were lucky to get excellent fruit off our Home Ranch vineyard, located in the heart of Dry Creek Valley. The vines are located near the foothills on the eastern side of the Dry Creek bench. The elevated terrain and well-drained rocky, clay loam stresses the vines just enough to limit yields and create small concentrated berries.

These small Cabernet Sauvignon grape clusters—resembling blueberries in size and color—create intense wine with concentrated, delicious flavors and a solid structure.

Aging for 10 months in French oak barrels, followed by over two years of bottle aging, allows the flavors and structure to marry and mellow. The result is a smooth, rich, food-friendly wine to share with family and friends.

Tasting Notes

Tempting aromas of ripe dark berries mingle with traces of forest floor, smoky oak and spice notes. The smooth entry and mouthfeel reveal a core of blackberry and dark cherry. Layered among the fruit you'll discover a dusting of dark cocoa, creamy oak and hints of leather, eucalyptus and cedar, with dried herbs joining in the finish.

Drinkable now, this Cab will pair well with a hearty meal or an appetizer course of baked Brie en crouste, stuffed sausage cups or bacon-wrapped stuffed dates. Also try it with a medium-rare New York strip, venison stew or grilled duck breasts drizzled with a blackberry reduction.