



Martin Ray

VINEYARDS AND WINERY

2010 RESERVE DIAMOND MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

THE VINEYARDS

We sourced the grapes for our Martin Ray Diamond Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon from the spectacular Constant-Diamond Mountain Vineyard, which rises to 2100 feet above the Napa Valley floor. The vineyards (which were originally planted in 1895) are nestled on the northeastern slope of the mountain, where mornings are typically brisk and fog-free, while northwesterly winds continually cool the vineyard throughout the long growing season. This unique mountain vineyard site provides a variety of nutrient-rich soils, superior exposure to sunlight and evening cooling for small, intensely flavored berries and fragrant, flavorful wines.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2010 harvest was one of the most challenging harvests on record. This long, slow cold season put us about 3-4 weeks behind schedule and left us with a very small window of time to bring in the fruit. Yet in the end, 2010 produced grapes of exceptional quality. Due to moderate ripening at cool temperatures, the grapes retained good levels of acidity, which resulted in very balanced fruit that achieved ripeness at lower brix. We had lower yields, with optimum alcohol and sugar levels, great color and amazing flavors.

WINEMAKING NOTES

After harvest, we gently destemmed the grapes before cold soaking them for four days. Next we moved them to open top fermentation tanks for two weeks with frequent manual punch downs. Once pressed, we aged the wine for thirty months in a combination of new and neutral French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

The shining jewel of the Martin Ray Napa Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignons, this wine's complex, layered bouquet reveals floral tones reminiscent of violets and crème de cassis. Blackberries and fresh currants predominate on the palate within a firm structure, with a smooth, round finish.

Varietal Mix

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation

Diamond Mountain

Vineyards

Constant-Diamond
Mountain Vineyard

Release dates

March 2014

Alcohol: 14.8%

pH: 3.82

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