



2010 terra 9
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This is an Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon from Appellation St Helena. The estate has been held by our family for over 150 years.

VINEYARD	Taplin Vineyard, Lewelling Estate
SOIL	Bale gravelly loam
VINES	Cabernet Sauvignon on 110R rootstock
COMPOSITION	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
HARVEST	October 19-20, 2010
AGING	20 months in French oak barrels, 50% new barrels
RELEASE DATE	February 2015
ALCOHOL	14.5%

VINTAGE NOTES: 2010 was cooler and with higher precipitation than the previous three years, delaying bud break, as well as veraison. During the summer we carefully managed the canopy to deal with both the cooler season and potential heat spikes that occur in the middle and at the end of the summer. These conditions resulted in a lower yield. After September flavor and color developed very homogenously in our estate.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2010 is an excellent illustration of the St Helena terroir in a mild year. Red ripe fruit, cherries with under-notes of black and white pepper with nascent blackberry hints. The mouth is appealing, round and textured. Soft acidity, long and supple polished tannins. Warm and balanced with a flint minerality true to the extremely rocky soil of the estate. Smooth velvety finish.

ACCOLADES:

Platinum Award at the 2015 Critics Challenge International Wine Competition, 96 points. This wine from Taplin Cellars is classic Napa Valley all the way, with Blackberry, currants, dried herbs and soft fall spice aromas and flavors, managing both a plush feel and food friendly acidity. This is just the way we like it. *Jun 2, 2015 Wine Review On Line*