

BEAUCANON ESTATE



Vintage: 2011 **87 Point Wine Enthusiast Magazine**

Varietal Blend: 88% Merlot and 12% Petit Verdot,

Appellation: Napa Valley

Production: 1000 Cases

Harvest date: September 30th –Oct 1st 2011

- Organically farmed
- Hand pick by night in half ton bin for optimum fruit freshness,
- Fermented in open barrel and concrete tank
- Skin contact for 4 to 5 weeks
- Push down 3 times a day during fermentation
- Aged for 18 months French oak barrels
30% new, 30% 1 year old, 40% 2 years old

WineMaker Notes: An elegant version of this classic Bordeaux Varietal. Deep solid garnet color with bright aromas of red cherry, raspberry, rosemary, licorice notes following by delicate touches of vanilla. The aromas are reflected on the palate and backed up with darker, deeper flavors of dark chocolate and spice. The finish lingers with rich flavors of red and black berries

Louis de Coninck - Winemaker

Terroir: Located at the corner of Atlas Peak and Oak Knoll on a soil type of alluvium fan which exhibits gravely deposits with low content of coarse fragment. Our Merlot is planting with a vine density of 2074 per acre which is reflected by low yield of nearly three tons per acre or 40 hl per hectare and a higher concentration of flavor.

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