

## 2011 SIGNATURE – ESTATE CUVÉE

“Signature” is the winemaker’s hallmark blend of the vintage that is unconstrained by convention to create a memorable, ageworthy wine of distinction and balance – in other words the signature wine of the vintage. This year’s blend is made from Petit Verdot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Both varieties originate from the Bordeaux region and are known for their intense color, generous amount of flavor and rich tannins that will continue to develop with proper aging.

The Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from our Adelaida Springs Ranch while the Petit Verdot comes from both Adelaida Springs and our Huerhuero Vineyard. At an elevation of 1,700 feet and just 12 miles from the Pacific Ocean, Adelaida Springs Ranch is a small vineyard planted in calcareous soils, resulting from uplifted ancient sea beds. Huerhuero, in the hilly terrain further east, benefits from the cooling Pacific breezes that blow through the Templeton Gap in the afternoon. Both vineyards have very limiting soils that produce tiny berries, low yields and intense, concentrated wines. This vintage reflects the 9th anniversary of this limited-production Estate Cuvée that was aged in selected tight grain French oak barrels for 18 months.

### TASTING NOTES

- Color:** Deep garnet  
**Aroma:** Dark berries and plum with chocolate and savory notes  
**Taste:** Full-bodied with a dense, structured mouthfeel; finishes off with berry flavors and chalky tannins

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Serve at: 62° – 65° F  
 Enjoy now through 2025  
 Store in dark dry place at 55° – 65° F  
 Decanting recommended  
 Pairing suggestions: Braised beef, venison Osso Bucco or dense cheeses

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Harvest date	Brix <sup>o</sup>	Vineyard	Blend	
11.01.11 - 11.10.11	26.1	Adelaida Springs Ranch	Petit Verdot	64%
		Huerhuero	Petit Verdot	19%
		Adelaida Springs Ranch	Cabernet Sauvignon	17%

- Aging:** 18 months in French oak barrels  
**Bottling date:** 06.03.13  
**Release date:** 09.01.14  
**Cases produced:** 473 (packed in 946 6-bottle cases)  
**Alcohol:** 14.9%  
**pH:** 3.79  
**Total acidity:** 5.8 g/L



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*A rich and savory wine, capturing the vintage*