



2011 Janzen Cloudy's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

This western-facing Estate vineyard sits atop the northern edge of Napa's Vaca Mountain range. The soil type and exposure change from top to bottom of every row and from side to side within Cloudy's Vineyard. The fruit from this vineyard usually ripens in late September or early October and the flavor profile is intense blue and black berry fruit and abundant tannins.

Its high elevation shielded Cloudy's Vineyard from many of the farming challenges found on the valley floor in this vintage. At first sip this wine is fruit-driven with elements of creamy oak, tar and tobacco lingering in the finish. Perhaps our most flawless cabernet of the 2011 harvest, Janzen Cloudy's Vineyard has the structure and acid for longevity, but the ripeness to achieve explosive fruit in its younger drinking years. With proper cellaring it has the potential to age through 2025.

Praise for 2011 Janzen Cloudy's Vineyard:

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As a group, the very good 2011 Cabernets from Janzen are far from a delicate bunch and all convey plenty of fruity richness and depth, but this one from Cloudy's Vineyard moves to very head of the class by dint of its exemplary structure and fine balance. Rather than roaring out of the glass, it slowly evolves and unfolds to reveal layer upon layer of cassis, creamy oak, loamy soils and subtle accents of dried herbs and spice, and, if still a bit tight, it is as potent and impressively extracted as it is well proportioned. Hide it away in a quiet corner of the cellar for no fewer than seven or eight years, but please know that it has all the pieces in all the right places to grow ever grander for another decade or two.

James Suckling Tasting Report 90

A straightforward, delicately fruity red with berry and currant character, plus hints of flowers. Medium to full body with fine tannins and a mineral finish. Harmonious and pretty. Drink now.

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar May/June 2014 91

Saturated ruby-red. Aromas of cassis, crushed blackberry and licorice. Densely packed, very ripe and sweet, with a distinctly chocolatey quality to the black fruit flavors. Quite pliant and silky in texture but has good energy too. Finishes with substantial, dusty tannins and noteworthy breadth and length.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon sourced entirely from our Estate vineyard in Dutch Henry Canyon between Switchback and Hourglass vineyards. Elevation: 400 ft.

Clone 337 with 110R rootstock.

Harvested October 10th, 28.3 Degrees Brix

27 Months in new French oak barrels supplied by Taransaud, Gamba and Sylvain

Bottled unfiltered and unfined on Feb 4th 2014

Alcohol: 14.9 %

pH: 3.69

T.A.: .67g/100ml

Consulting Winemaker and Viticulturist: Kirk Venge

Proprietors: The Janzen Family

Total Production: 135 cases.

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Website Retail Price: \$100

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