

# VAGABOND

## 2011 Vagabond Syrah

Despite the many challenges that this vintage presented in the Napa Valley, the 2011 Vagabond is a classic. We prize the scant 75 cases of this excellent Syrah that were produced from John Caldwell's vineyard.

This wine is beautifully balanced throughout with notes of smoke, pepper and "bacon fat" on the nose. Richness abounds on the palate. With a touch more acidity than some of our previous vintages, the 2011 Vagabond is an excellent complement to many dishes.

### **Praise for Previous Vintages of Vagabond Syrah**

#### ***The Wine Advocate, Oct 2013 Rating: 93***

*The 2010 Syrah Vagabond is a classic North Coast Syrah boasting an inky/purple color along with notes of blackberries, charcuterie, chocolate, pepper, roasted meats and bouquet garni. This big, rich, full throttle, exuberant, fleshy Syrah is a terrific effort that saturates the palate and stains your teeth purple. It can be enjoyed now and over the next 7-10 years*

#### ***The Wine Enthusiast, June 2013 Rating: 92***

*(2010)Big, big, big Syrah, offering an explosion of blackberry jam, blueberry pie, dark chocolate and currant flavors, with the meaty, charred-bone character of a fine, cool-climate Syrah. The tannins are firm and the acidity brisk. This young, dramatic wine wants some years in the cellar to tone down. Best after 2016. Cellar Selection. —S.H.*

100% Syrah sourced from Caldwell Vineyard, Coombsville AVA

20 months in new and used French oak. Twenty percent of this Syrah was barrel fermented in new Taransaud oak

Bottled on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Alcohol: 14.8%

Titrateable Acidity: 0.61

pH: 3.69

**Consulting Winemaker and Viticulturalist:** Kirk Venge

**Proprietors:** The Janzen Family

**Total Production:** 75 cases

**Release Date:** Spring 2014

**Website Retail Price:** \$60