

2011 FLORIANNA SYRAH

FREDIANI VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



THE WINE:

A 100% syrah from the Fredianni Vineyard, in Calistoga CA. Winemaker Paul Smith, former winemaker at Vermeil Winery, and On The Edge Winery made only two barrels (50 cases) of this intense and powerful wine. Wine was aged in French oak for 38 months and then in bottle for another 30 before being released for sale.

THE ESTATE:

The Frediani Vineyard was planted in 1900 by the grandfather of its current owner Jim Frediani. Located at the Northern end of Napa Valley on Pickett road in Calistoga this property has earned the reputation as one of Napa Valley's prized vineyards. Sitting at the base of Mt. St. Helena the soil is of a volcanic origin with a rocky, golden alluvial soil. The non-irrigated vines are exceptionally low-yielding and hand-cared for by the Frediani family. The property is planted to a mix of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Zinfandel, Charbono and Syrah, this historic vineyard has been farmed by the same family for 117 years.

TASTING NOTES:

Color: dark maroon–purple

Aromas: ripe black cherry liquor with exotic spices, not peppery but savory with hints of vanilla pipe tobacco

Flavor & Texture: sweet blackberry and smashed black cherry with an opulent and lush mouthfeel; the 16 % alcohol is well disguised behind the wall of ripe, dense fruit

Food Pairing: gourmet burgers grilled over coals with caramelized onions, smoked Gouda, and sweet bourbon BBQ sauce

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