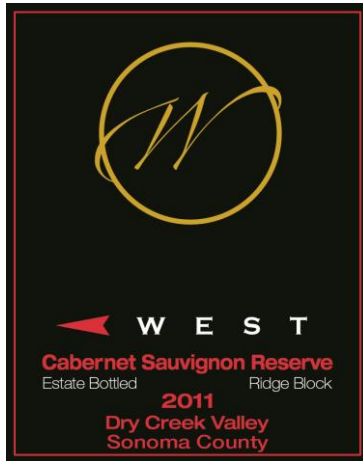


## 2011 WEST Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve



- 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Estate grown, West Crest vineyard
- Harvested October, 2011
- Aged 26 months in French oak barrels
- Released April 2018
- Alc. 12.8%
- Dry Creek Valley AVA

WEST Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2011 has blackberry dark cherry aromas which continue on the palate accompanied by laurel, bay leaves and cedar. There is also a hint of licorice and dark chocolate which will continue to evolve. 2011 was a cool season and we had a long harvest season. The grapes were small but intense with slightly lower sugar levels which translated to an alcohol level of 12.8%. The wine has taken some time to develop our signature flavors which bodes well as we believe it will continue to develop in the bottle for quite some time to come. The slow maturation has brought out more refined flavors and dry spiciness. We age the wine in French oak barrels for 26 months and bottle age almost 5 years. This wine was released spring 2018. Enjoy now or let it continue to evolve more complex flavors over the years until at least 2028 and longer.

Our Cabernet Sauvignon grows on our hillside property in the north end of the valley on west and south facing slopes. High above the valley floor with its morning fog the grapes get long warm and sunny day to mature with full and complex flavors.

West Wines is a family winery in Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County owned by Katarina Bonde and Bengt Akerlind. Our winemaking style is inspired by French winemaking where long aging is part of the method and we have been exporting wine to Europe since 2004. We practice sustainable farming, minimizing the use of energy and water and using solar power. Between our vine rows we plant cover crops to create nutrition for the plants but also flowers who serve as a habitat for beneficial insects for pest control.

Winemaker is owner Katarina Bonde with consulting winemaker Phyllis Zouzounis. Katarina did her Winemakers Certificate at UC Davis and has hands on experience from crafting the portfolio of wines at West Wines. Phyllis began her winemaking career at Dry Creek Vineyards in 1980 and has been the winemaker at many prestigious wineries in Sonoma County.