



SELENE

2010 MERLOT, FREDIANI VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY

Release: July 2012; 300 cases

**Varietal
Composition:** 100% Merlot

Vineyard: Frediani Family Vineyard, Calistoga

Wine Making: 2010 was a cool, late starting vintage. Picture this: winemakers with nothing to do in September (besides those who make sparkling wine of course). As we are a nervous bunch, we winemakers know it's not a simple waiting game either. The days keep getting shorter and the probability of rain gets bigger as the vintage goes on. A good measure of patience plus a large pinch of proactivity was in order. That, along with good luck, produced a particularly complex wine. Aged for 18 months in 40% new French barrels.

Tasting Notes: Toasted vanilla pods, molasses and caramel, floral jasmine, red raspberry, black pepper, anise, tar, cocoa butter, chocolate, roasted coffee beans, plum and blueberry. Aromatics are nicely mirrored in the mouth with very good concentration and length; texture is smooth yet weighty with a structured tannin profile.