



SELENE

2011 MERLOT, FREDIANI VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY

Release: August 2013; 120 cases (750ml)

**Varietal
Composition:** 100% Merlot

Vineyard: Frediani Family Vineyard, Calistoga

Wine Making: Vintage 2011 gave us a good amount of rainfall in late winter, along with a tad over 2 inches in both May and June, so the soil profile got a nice shot of water for the early part of the season. The summer, and right on into ripening, was on the cool side of average. Ripe flavors developed at lower sugars in the grapes and alcohols stayed below 14 in the wine. Aged for 18 months in 80% new French barrels.

Tasting Notes: Red raspberry, cocoa powder, pink peppercorn, cardamom, mineral character, preserved ginger, and bay laurel for aromas. Savory and mouth-watering in the mouth with a clean, long finish. Less caramelized and jammy in the flavors, more savory, exotic, and clean.