

CUDA RIDGE *Wines*

**Winemakers Notes: 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon
 Livermore Valley**

Description: Bright and dark with tantalizing aromas of tobacco, cedar and leather. Complex flavors on the palate of cherries, raspberries, dark chocolate, cassis, pomegranate and pepper. Medium tannins with well balanced acidity engage every part of your mouth. This wine has the structure to cellar nicely for up to 10 years. Enjoy with a rib-eye steak, finished off with a splash of blackberry balsamic and red Hawaiian salt.

Varietals: 75% Galles Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley
 2.5% One Oak Vineyard Merlot, Livermore Valley
 10% Smith Ranch Vineyard Petit Verdot, Livermore Valley
 7.5% White Cat Vineyard Cabernet Franc, Livermore Valley
 5% White Cat Vineyard Malbec, Livermore Valley

Vineyard: The Galles vineyard is a 3 acre family vineyard perched on a hill on the eastern side of Livermore. Galles vineyard is just North/East of Greenville and Tesla intersection. The Galles vineyard is meticulously managed by the Galles family and pruned to a target yield of no more than 3 ton per acre. The Galles vineyard is located on a rolling hill, the fruit on the higher elevations ripen sooner than the valley floor. The fruit is usually picked on 2 or 3 dates to get the perfect flavors and chemistry (pH, TA, and Brix). The location gets high winds in the afternoon thus having a significant cooling of the grapes in late afternoon which help produce the complexity and finesse of this Bordeaux style Cabernet.

Awards: 2013 SF Chronicle Wine Competition – Silver Medal
 2013 Cabernet Shootout – Silver Medal
 88 Points Wine Enthusiast

Cases Produced: 144

Barrel Treatment: 50% New French Oak and 25% American Oak for 18 Months

Vital Statistics:

TA .65 g/100ml
pH: 3.49
Al 13.7 % Alcohol by Volume

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