

# CUDA RIDGE *Wines*

**Winemakers Notes:      2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve  
Livermore Valley**

**Description:** The Cuda Ridge Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is blended using a selection of the best barrels based on sensory evaluation by the winemaker and blending team. The reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is aged for 31 months in New French Oak to provide an elegant, yet complex wine. Rich in red berry fruit, cherry and raspberry, with vanilla, hint of oak, cassis, leather and tobacco. Medium tannins with well balanced acidity engage every part of your mouth.

**Varietals:**      75% Galles Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley  
                         10% One Oak Vineyard Merlot, Livermore Valley  
                         8% White Cat Vineyard Cabernet Franc, Livermore Valley  
                         5% White Cat and Ghielmetti Malbec, Livermore Valley  
                         2% Smith Ranch Vineyard Petit Verdot, Livermore Valley

**Awards:** Silver Medal, 2015 SF Chronicle Competition

**Vineyard:** 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.

**Cases Produced:** 47

**Bottle Date:** May 16, 2014

**Barrel Treatment:** 82% New French Oak (Radoux), note that the Merlot and Cabernet Franc blending wine was selected from Neutral barrels to provide balance.

**Vital Statistics:**

TA      .54 g/100ml

pH:      3.59

Al      13.6 % Alcohol by Volume

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