

CUDA RIDGE *Wines*

**Winemakers Notes: 2011 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.

Varietals: 75% Galles Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley
 15% Smith Ranch Vineyard Petit Verdot, Livermore Valley
 8% One Oak Vineyard Merlot
 2% White Cat Vineyard Cabernet Franc, Livermore Valley

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.

Awards: Silver Medal – 2014 Alameda County Fair Wine Competition
 Silver Medal- 2014 SF Chronicle Wine Competition

Cases Produced: 147

Bottle Date: May 17, 2013

Barrel Treatment: 85% French Oak (25% New) and 15% New American Oak for 17 months so far. The Cab was aged in all French oak and the Petit Verdot blender (1 barrel) was New American Oak.

Vital Statistics:

TA .56 g/100ml

pH: 3.65

Al 13.9 % Alcohol by Volume

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