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## Fritz Cellars' Portfolio of Wines **2011 Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon**

### **Winemaker's Notes:**

The grapes for our 2011 Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon are grown on the hillside next to Oak and Redwood groves, making this wine a true expression of terroir. This garnet hued wine has pleasant aromas of red currant, dried cranberry, with subtle hints of cedar, fire roasted marshmallows and forest floor. A medium bodied Cabernet Sauvignon, it has a delightful balance of velvety tannins and piquant acidity. Flavors of currant, dried fruits and baking spices abound. Look for a finish of lingering earthy tones.

### **Technical Data:**

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley

Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvest Date: September 2011

Barrel Aging: 18 months

Alcohol: 14.3%

Production: 120 cases

### **Production Notes:**

The fruit was de-stemmed only so that whole berries were transferred to open top fermenters. This helps to capture bright fruit aromas and flavors. After a 5 day cold soak, the tanks were warmed and inoculated with yeast. The tanks were punched down 2-3 times daily, over 10 days, increasing skin contact. The wine is then drained of the skins and aged in 60% new French Oak for 18 months.

