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**2011 SERENITY WAY,** Serenity Way Proprietary Red, Sonoma County



HARVEST DATE October 22 & November 2, 2011 PH 3.7 TA 6.1 CASES PRODUCED 225 RELEASE DATE October 12, 2014

## **PRODUCTION NOTES**

The wine is produced from the very top lots of fruit from our Bennett Valley estate. In 2011 it is a blend of our Cabernet and Merlot, which, lie on 20% due south facing slopes. The rocky volcanic soils and the great maritime influence from the Petaluma Gap make for a compelling wine, vintage after vintage. The 2011 Serenity Way is a tribute to the exceptional nature of our site. Steep slopes, meticulous farming, and perfect drainage all were factors in us being able to produce a great wine in 2011. Rigorous canopy management, aggressive management of crop levels, elimination of in-row vegetation, and the willingness to wait until November 2nd to pick allowed us to maximize our sites natural advantages.

## TASTING NOTES

The nose shows the unique violet notes that are a signature of our site along with hints of vanilla and ripe dark fruits. On the palate the wine is a seamless presentation of classic Bordeaux flavors. Cassis fruit intertwines with mocha notes and a classic Pauillac cigar box in the late mid-palate. The tannin structure is both supple and robust....this is a wine that will age for many, many years.