

VARIETAL COLLECTION

# *Syrah Rosé*

2011

Vintage:	Fifth
Composition:	100% Syrah
Clone:	Various
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981
Block:	Kreuzer Canyon
Yield:	3 tons per acre
Average Vine Age:	7 years
Vintage Summary:	The 2011 vintage was considered the toughest vintage in decades. It was a cool growing season but mild. June rains produced shatter in late developing varieties and increased mildew pressure. Regularly alternating rain and heat spells during the ripening season produced high humidity and perfect conditions for botrytis. Fortunately, at Caldwell, we were able to utilize our full time vineyard crew, high quality standards and experience to wade through the challenges. The berry sizes were smaller with good flavor but soft skins.
Harvest Date:	Various
Fermentation:	Stainless Steel Tank
Yeast:	Natural
ML:	Natural
Wood Origin:	No Wood
Ageing:	Stainless Steel 4 months
New Oak Barrels:	0%
Fining/Filtering:	None/ Filtered
Bottled on:	March 12, 2012
Winemaker's Tasting Notes:	The nose is an inviting potpourri of red raspberry, red cherry, watermelon, white pepper and cloves. A bing cherry attack leads to a focused mouth of red currant, pomegranate, strawberry and sage which gives way to a refreshing cranberry, meyer lemon finish.
Cellaring:	1 – 3 years
Production:	375 cases

