



This primarily Bordeaux-inspired blend shows the sanguine, focused fruit and shapely tannins that we've come to expect from the sandy soils and slightly cooler mesoclimate of this outstanding vineyard site.

THE PARING RED 2011

41% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc, 11% Syrah, 8% Sangiovese, 6% Petit Verdot, 1% Grenache
Aged in French oak (55% new and 45% neutral) for 22 months.
Coopers include Taransaud, Sylvain, Bel Air, and Dejarnac
Unfined and unfiltered
6494 Cases Produced

WINEMAKER NOTES: Pungent scorched earth on the nose with notes of black truffle, grilled meat, black pepper, cedar and espresso nibs. Reminiscent of *steak au poivre*. Charming and complex character thanks to the cool 2011 vintage. Herbal and fresh with a pure and velvet-textured palate. Savory notes come to the forefront along with hints of balsamic fig jam. The structure is defined by the fine grit cabernet tannin. Notes of Asian five spice and black plum linger on the finish. Firm tannins that bind the tongue. A very complete wine at this stage with beautiful balance, focus and freshness. Offers immediate pleasure upon popping the cork. Nothing in excess, a wine of precision.

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