

vilafonté

Series C 2011

Complex & Layered

The Series C 2011 is one of the most concentrated wines Vilafonté has grown, with a deep black colour & an expressive nose; leading with currants, crème de cassis, liquorice and graphite. This vintage has equal parts preserved black fruits and minerals, & beautiful espresso roast and mocha from well-integrated oak. The wine has weight and power, yet with a majestic richness, great fruit purity and incredible elegance. The Series C 2011 will reward both as a young wine and in the future, as it matures in cellar.

Vintage release date: March 2014
Re-tasted in August 2018

This wine continues showing tremendous depth of colour with black core and vibrance to the rim. Aromas of cassis and ripe, dark berry fruits remain pure and lifted. Sweet balsamic reduction and molasses relent to the freshness of mint. The bouquet has sensuous fruitcake and dried Turkish fig, leading to perfumed, dark-roast, Arabica coffee beans. Nuanced cigar-box, nutmeg and graphite add complexity to the expansive aromatics. The palate is full-bodied & plush. Ripe tannins and vibrant acidity afford great breadth and structure, while maintaining elegance and a velvety, long finish. This wine remains intensely fruit-forward, and will further express its timeless character with patient curatorship. Our core philosophy, that greatness cannot be rushed, endures.

The Vintage

The 2011 vintage was preceded by a balmy, dry Spring that presented us with small, concentrated berries – the norm for our Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc grapes. Warm days and cool nights continued through February, leading to a compact vintage. Harvest commenced on the 14th of February, Valentine's Day, and concluded only 3 weeks later; the shortest harvest in our history. While separately harvesting the one hectare parcels of vineyard, we measured the evenness of ripening of the grapes. This year they were exceptionally even, resulting in the outstanding flavour concentration in this vintage.

The Blend

Twenty-two months in eighty-seven percent new French oak barriques, with the balance in older French oak. Series C 2011 consists of fifty-one percent Cabernet Sauvignon, twenty-six percent Merlot, fourteen percent Malbec and nine percent Cabernet Franc.

Twenty-three barrels produced.