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TOR Cabernet Sauvignon Mast Vineyard, 2010

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 275 cases

Release date: January 2013

Vintage

2010 defied gravity. It shouldn't have been a great vintage for Cabernet Sauvignon, but we think it is one of our best for the Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards we work with in the Napa Valley. So what happened? A very late and wet start pushed back bud break, bloom, and set which contributed to a very small crop. It was a cool summer until August when finally the heat was turned on. At this point we had to go out into the vineyards to remove any sunburn, which resulted in even less crop. Then, as can happen in the special years, a glorious Indian summer allowed us to ripen fully what little crop we had. It was a lot of work, but when we tasted the young wines we were most impressed.

Vineyards

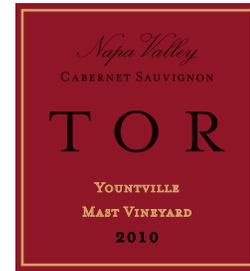
This vineyard was first planted in 1972 by the Mast family on their estate in the Napa Valley. It is south of the Dominus vineyard in the Yountville appellation and has sloped hills on the west side of the valley. The soil in our block has a lot of rock and is well drained. Curiously, I have tracked this vineyard for two decades, noticing a unique micro-climate which develops late in the growing season. When all of the neighboring western facing, benched-vineyards find shade as the sun drops lower on the horizon, Mast finds a gap in the western hill and holds light and heat longer. Unique terroir

Winemaking

In 2010, Mast had a relatively normal year with a smaller crop that ripened very evenly. The fruit was de-stemmed to tank after hand sorting and had a 3 day cold soak until the fruit started to warm up and show signs of fermentation. The fermentation lasted 15 days with 2-3 pump overs a day. It was then pressed and racked off to a mix of Taransaud, Darnajou and Sylvain coopers for 18 months after which it was bottled un-fined and un-filtered.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

The 2010 Mast Cabernet continues the style that I have become so fond of with Mast. That being almost like a Right Bank Bordeaux with a plumpness and roundness that makes it so delicious to drink. This vintage has the great density and richness that is in the 2010 vintage wines. The mid palate is stuffed with sweet blackberries and a bit of black licorice. Always one of the more approachable Cabernets of ours when it is young, this will be delicious on release. It should age very well for at least 7-10 years, but don't be surprised if it goes much longer than that.



"...is ripe and pure with generous amounts of freshly crushed black fruits along with a variety of exotic spices and sage notes. The wine is supported by fine tannins with lots of grip allowing the fruit to linger effortlessly on the finish."

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"...racy, exuberant and a pure joy to taste. Freshly cut roses, spice box and red berries burst from the glass in this deeply expressive Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2010 is distinguished from its stable mates for its fleshy fruit and seductive personality."

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Antonio Galloni
The Wine Advocate
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