

## 2011 Cuvee Christine Syrah

### Donelan, North Coast, California Wine

#### Product details

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<b>Vintage:</b>	2011	<b>Drinking:</b>	2017
<b>Producer:</b>	Donelan	<b>Alcohol:</b>	
<b>Region:</b>	North Coast	<b>Variety:</b>	
<b>Country:</b>	California Wine		

#### Tasting notes

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The Cuvee Christine comes mainly from Windsor Oaks, hill top and cool, alongside selected barrels from the family's single vineyards. The wine making is designed to let the Sonoma fruit sing. 40% whole clusters and indigenous yeasts are used during fermentation, then the wine sees just 35% new oak, to support the fruit and build texture rather than marking the wine with flavour. The bottle we opened showed smoky, spicy dark fruit, fine grained tannins and meaty, savoury tones. The finish revealed the acid structure and blueberry fruit that characterises cool climate Californian syrah. Drinking beautifully now and over the next five years.

#### About the producer

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