

2011 Gravelly Meadow

Diamond Creek, California Wine, USA

Product details

Vintage:	2011	Drinking:	Now 2030
Producer:	Diamond Creek	Alcohol:	
Region:	California Wine	Variety:	Cabernet sauvignon
Country:	USA		

Tasting notes

Oodles of dark berries jump out of the glass alongside dried flowers, ripe plums and a more concentrated cassis note with some more delicate pencil shaving aromas coming through as it opens up. The palate is full of dark cassis and bramble tones, it is so bright and lively, there is excellent freshness and balance here. These bold fruit flavours are lifted up by subtle notes of spice, cinnamon and cloves in particular alongside a slightly more savoury characteristic, more evident on the long finish. This is an impressive model of restraint, there is a lot of finesse and refinement here which balances the rich fruit.

About the producer

In the 1960s, the late Al Brounstein bought a plot of land in the higher part of Napa Valley. A true Francophile and visionary, he became the first producer in Napa to work exclusively with Bordeaux's signature grape variety: Cabernet Sauvignon. He also decided against blending all his grapes but to take advantage of the three distinct soil types on his property - volcanic, ferrous and gravelly - to produce different expressions of Diamond Creek Cabernet Sauvignon. The result is one of the most thrilling, concentrated, long-lived expression of Cabernet Sauvignon from Napa Valley.

