

## 2011 Volcanic Hill

Diamond Creek, California Wine, USA

### Product details

<b>Vintage:</b>	2011	<b>Drinking:</b>	Now 2030
<b>Producer:</b>	Diamond Creek	<b>Alcohol:</b>	
<b>Region:</b>	California Wine	<b>Variety:</b>	
<b>Country:</b>	USA		

### Tasting notes

What an intense nose, this is wonderful! The aromas here are plentiful, direct and pure, lots of blackcurrant, plum and a complex sprinkling of spice, liquorice and pepper as well as a touch of smoke. The palate is smooth and silky, oodles of cassis and dark forest fruits as well as more delicate flavours of cinnamon, nutmeg and liquorice. The minerality here is sublime, it is particularly dominant on the finish and lifts the wine into another league. This is a very fresh, vibrant, complex wine that is an absolute pleasure.

### 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.

