

# WOLF FAMILY VINEYARDS



## Retrospective Tasting Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 1999-2008 vintages June 16, 2011

### Overall impressions

Wolf Family Estate Cabernet Sauvignon characterized by a consistency of structure, tannin integration and balance from vintage to vintage despite weather influence. The wines revealed consistent terroir, age worthiness, and a youthful and graceful carriage.

### 1999 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

91% CS, 9% CF, 253 cases produced

Harvest Dates: CS Late September, CF Late October

Opaque-purple color. Medium-full body. Well-balanced, classical aromas of spicy currant with a few secondary nuances emerging. Still structured, good acidity with dusty tannins on the finish. Drink now until 2018.

### 2000 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

100% CS, 534 cases produced

Harvest Dates: September 11, 18 & 22

Translucent deep-ruby color. Medium body. Cassis aromas with a slight herbal note that faded. Plush mid-palate with lively acidity, long finish. Elegant. Still blossoming. Drink until 2018.

### 2001 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

100% CS, 485 cases produced

Harvest Dates: 28 September, October 2 & 4

Translucent deep-ruby color slightly fading. Perfume of red fruit. Medium-bodied, fleshy and smooth in the mouth. Fresh, rich fruit with a soft finish. Secondary aromas beginning to become evident. Drink or Hold 2-3 more years. Decant. Enjoy until 2020.

### 2002 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

100% CS, 684 cases produced

Harvest Dates: September 24 & 26

Opaque ruby-purple color. Rose petal, Ripe red fruit and fleshy on the palate, spicy with dusty structure. Hold or drink until 2020.

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## **2003 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon**

100% CS, 218 cases produced

Harvest Date: October 13, 23 & 28

Opaque purple-color. Beautiful bright fruit aromas. Medium-full body. Velvety mouth feel with spicy black fruits. Balanced, solid. Drink and Hold. Enjoy until 2021.

## **2004 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon**

100% CS, 349 cases produced

Harvest Dates: September 13 & 17

Opaque purple color. Spicy black cherry aromas, Excellent balance. Explosive mouth feel with packed, dense dark fruits. Firm but velvety tannins. Long textured finish. Drink or hold. Enjoy until 2029.

## **2005 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon**

100% CS, 539 cases produced

Harvest Dates: October 21 & 27

Translucent ruby-purple. Dense nose, Medium-full body. Elegant red fruits in a soft mid-palate with tobacco and cassis. Big tannins on the finish. Drink or Hold. Enjoy until 2028.

## **2006 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon**

100% CS, 430 cases produced

Harvest Dates: October 25 & 27

Translucent ruby-purple. Medium-full body. Dense, spicy cardamom, earth and cherries. Tannins likely to resolve more. Good structure. Slightly closed. Drink now or Hold. Enjoy until 2029.

## **2007 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon**

100% CS, 275 cases produced

Harvest Dates: October 2 and 8

Medium-full with deep ruby color. Juicy red fruits, poised power, seamless tannins, velvety texture. Ripe, drinkable. Drink and Hold. Enjoy until 2028.

## **2008 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon**

100% CS, 175 cases produced

Harvest Dates: October 3

Translucent deep ruby color with nice structure. Showed much promise with its finely tuned structure, brooding fruit and pedigree. Hold for 5 years - enjoy until 2028.