

## SAINT HELENA WINERY

## 2010 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker Notes: By Aaron Pott & Elizabeth Tangney

Aromas of cherry are framed by cedar and a hint of coffee bean. Smooth, velvety texture delivers flavors of blackberry, raspberry and notes of toffee and mocha. The wine is silky on the midpalate with soft tannins and a delightful lingering finish.

Varietal: 98% Cabernet Sauvignon

2% Petit Verdot

AVA: St. Helena, Napa Valley

Vineyard: Estate vineyard on Napa Valley floor on Pratt Avenue, bordered

by Napa River. Aaron Pott calls us a "little Haut Brion." Bale loam soil. This wine is grown on the north parcel where the loam is slightly heavier in clay. Cover crops compete for soil moisture, and the vines are cane pruned and hand-tended to yield two clusters per shoot. The parcel yields approximately two tons per acre. Vineyard is managed by Elizabeth Tangney and our estate crew, with consulting from winemaker Aaron Pott and vineyard guru Jim

Barbour.

Winemaking: Cold soak for 5 days

Post-fermentation maceration 7-14 days

Racked twice

Barrel Aging: 22 months in French Oak barrels, 70% new

Bossuet, Darnajou, Seguin Moreau

Alcohol: 14.5%

Bottling date: August 15, 2012