

2011 JAX Y3 TAUREAU

JAX VINEYARDS, NAPA VALLEY This wine is what one would expect with a name like Taureau. Boasting incredible purple fruit colors, the flavors of blackberry, black cherry and red fruit ooze into the palate, all supported by polished tannins. Balanced and delicious, this wine should drink well up on release until 2022 or longer.

THE STORY BEHIND THIS WINE

The name Taureau, was the name of the Jackson family's prized bull, legendary for his feisty, high-kicking and vibrant personality. When perfecting this wine at their blending session, the JAX team concurred that the character of their infamous bull reflected the structure and elements of this indulgent red blend... and what a perfect tribute to their family ranching legend.

VINTAGE NOTES

2011 was a difficult growing season in Napa Valley. Cool spring and a rainy fall delayed fruit maturation. A belated growing season and harvest were remedied through crop thinning to allow more sunlight exposure. Overall, fruit developed lower brix than normal, yielding a polished wine with lower alcohol.

Our goal with this wine was to produce an approachable, everyday drinking wine with the high-quality fruit grown right in Napa Valley. The Syrah and Zinfandel impart dark blackberry and black cherry fruit notes to the red lush fruit of the Merlot while the Cabernet Sauvignon provides the backbone and structure of this wine. This unique blend brings out the best in each of the varietals producing a food-friendly wine ready to be paired with a range of foods.

SPECIFICATIONS

WINEMAKER

Kirk Venge

BLEND COMPOSITION

43% Merlot

25% Syrah

18% Cabernet Sauvignon

14% Zinfandel

APPELLATION

Napa Valley, CA

ALCOHOL

14.5%

