



"You cannot taste or talk about Brandlin Cabernet Sauvignon without acknowledging the impact of the site... Steep rocky soils and a moderate climate render an intense, black fruited concentration and powerful backbone of tannin that make this wine so unique."



BRANDLIN

MOUNT VEEDER

2011 BRANDLIN HENRY'S KEEP PROPRIETARY RED WINE

MOUNT VEEDER, NAPA VALLEY | PROPRIETARY RED BLEND

Henry's Keep is Brandlin's flagship wine, a proprietary red blend comprised of the highest quality grapes from the Brandlin Vineyard. "Henry's Keep" pays homage to the family patriarch, Henry Brandlin, who would "keep" from each vintage a selection of the estates' most exceptional grapes for his family's own bottled wine. Continuing that tradition, the Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from a small, western-facing block that consistently produces rich and intensely concentrated fruit. Blended with a selection of each vintage's finest Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, the result is a compelling and complex wine.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Perched on an aerie, well above the fog line our steep, free draining mountain soils work to wick away moisture from our vines. In a dramatic vintage like 2011 this worked perfectly to our advantage as our late-ripening Vineyard easily weathered the early October storm, allowing our fruit ample hang-time to fully ripen. A richly nuanced wine, rife with violets, rose petals, black currants and cassis. Ample, yet well-knit tannins support the dark, plummy, black cherry and blackberry fruit accented with notes of vanilla, sandalwood, mocha and black tea.

- STEVE ROGSTAD

WINEMAKING

HARVEST
Date: Oct 25 - Nov 2
Age of Vines: 11 years average

FERMENTATION & AGING
Fermentation: 15 - 28 days
Barrel Aging: 22 months in small French oak barrels (75% new)
ML: 100%

WINE
Blend: 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot and 2% Cabernet Franc
Alcohol: 14.5%
Acid: 6.4
pH: 3.63

