

# WILLIAM GORDON WINERY

2011

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON ESTATE

Tasting Notes & Tech Data

Pesonen Vineyard

Alexander Valley Sonoma County California

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

The vineyard is located in the northern Alexander Valley near Asti on the eastern hillsides overlooking the Russian River. The vines were planted in 1999 using clone 337. This clone produces smaller clusters and berries known for intense concentration of flavors and aromas. Due to the steep nature of the vineyard terrain, it is all hand harvested.

Harvest Date: 15 OCT 2011      Brix at Harvest: 25'      Tons Harvested: 7.7 tons

Fermentation: Whole berry in stainless steel tanks.

36 hour cold soak

D-80 Lallemmand Yeast

Daily pump-overs

48 hour extended maceration with 100% Malolactic conversion.

Aging: Nadalie Colbert French Oak, 2 Years, 33% new, 33% 1Year old, 33% 2Year old

550 cases bottled: Sept 2013, Unfined & Unfiltered

Alcohol: 13.7%      pH: 3.63      TA: 6.7

Dark red in color, with blackberry and blackcurrant on nose. Aromas of cedar, light toast and dark fruit fill the glass. On the pallet there is balance of fruit, acid and oak. The tannins are well integrated and the wine has a long smooth finish. This Cabernet should cellar well into the next decade.