



PALMERI
2011 Alexander Valley Syrah
Van Ness Vineyard

~ WINEMAKER'S RELEASE NOTES ~

PALMERI wines are created by Kerry, Daisy, and Drew Damskey with a singular focus on high-elevation fruit in the Napa, Alexander, and Dry Creek Valleys. The name PALMERI comes from *Quercus palmeri*, a small and scrappy oak that grows in the mountain ranges that we gravitate to when selecting ultra-premium grape growing land. Our labels feature the boar, the bat, the fox, and the cougar, each representing the diverse fauna that is found on our hillsides.

VINEYARD HIGHLIGHTS

- ☛ Alexander Valley mountain vineyard farmed by Denny Van Ness
- ☛ Steep hillside, 1,000 foot elevation, southern exposure
- ☛ Fractured shale parcel divided into three 1-acre blocks and planted in 1999
- ☛ Experimental clones from France and Australia

CELLAR NOTES

2011 was a cool growing season, pushing harvest into the third week of October. After primary fermentation, malolactic fermentation occurred while in barrel. Aged in equal parts Nadine, Vicard and Seguin Moreau oak barrels (45% new, 5% dark char). Bottled unfiltered and cellared until release.

TASTING NOTES

Sexy and Youthful. Rich blackberry, luscious plum and tantalizing tar aromas fill your senses. Palate pleasing flavors of fleshy dark fruits, chocolate covered violets and a hint of sassy sarsaparilla bring you to the enduring essence of plums woven with tannins on the lengthy finish. Will age beautifully. Cellar now through 2023.

ALCOHOL: 14.7% | CASES: 200 | RELEASE DATE: 8/13/13

91PTS
WINE ENTHUSIAST
"Rich, complex blackberry and blueberry jam, cassis, salted grilled beef, black pepper and smoky oak flavors, it is sophisticated enough to drink with upscale fare. It should age well through 2020."

BEST OF CLASS
SUNSET INTERNATIONAL
WINE COMPETITION

93PTS / GOLD
L.A. INTERNATIONAL
WINE COMPETITION

89PTS
CONNOISSEURS'
GUIDE TO CA WINE
"More savory than sweet in its array of meaty spice and ripe berries, Palmeri's High Elevation Syrah is another solid success in 2011 and hits all of the varietal marks."

GOLD
2014 SAN FRANCISCO
CHRONICLE WINE
COMPETITION

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