



**PALMERI**  
2011 Dark & Brooding  
Sonoma County Red Wine

~ WINEMAKER'S RELEASE NOTES ~

PALMERI wines are created by Kerry, Daisy, and Drew Damskey with a singular focus on hillside fruit grown above 1,000 ft elevation 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, representing the diverse fauna that is found on our hillsides.

VINEYARD HIGHLIGHTS | SWEETWATER SADDLE & VAN NESS VINEYARD

- Sweetwater Saddle is farmed by Julie Simpson in the southern tip of Dry Creek Valley. The vineyard is south facing and comprised of Franciscan soils.
- Van Ness Vineyard is farmed by Denny Van Ness. Planted in 1999 with experimental clones from France and Australia, this vineyard is south facing and comprised of fractured shale soils.

CELLAR NOTES

2011 was a cool growing season; Van Ness Vineyard Syrah was harvested third week of October; Sweetwater Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested at 28 brix. After primary fermentation, malolactic fermentation occurred while in barrel. Aged in equal parts Baron, Nadine, Vicard and Seguin Moreau oak barrels (45% new, 5% dark char). Bottled unfiltered and cellared until release.

TASTING NOTES

Young and fleshy. Veils of juicy black cherry, black raspberry and minted cassis lure you to voluptuous flavors of blackberry, cherry, cedar and dark chocolate. The finish lingers with vanilla bean laced black currant. Will age beautifully. Cellar now through 2023.

90PTS  
WINE ENTHUSIAST

*"Dark in color and deeply flavored, as the name suggests, this blend has evocative blackberry, currant, grilled meat, black pepper and oak flavors."*

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GUIDE TO CA WINE

*"Pepper and woody spice sit to the rear of well-defined, blackberry fruit first in the nose and then again in the flavors of this ripe and nicely filled wine. Balanced and well-sustained on the palate."*

GOLD  
2014 OC FAIR WINE  
COMPETITION

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2014 PACIFIC RIM WINE  
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GOLD  
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