



TRIVIUM

“Les Ivrettes Vineyard”

2011

St. Helena ♦ Napa Valley
Cabernet Sauvignon

Produced & Bottled by Stanfield & Stuart Wine Company



“**Challenging season**” and “**classic wines**” might describe vintage 2011. Stormy March weather delayed budbreak, and unusual May and June rainfall caused significant shatter. Except for brief heat spikes in early July and mid-September, summer was cool and frequently overcast. But on October 18 we harvested nearly six tons of perfect clusters from the gravelly Les Ivrettes block of Lewelling Ranch, well before the deluge that kept many heavier-soiled vineyards damp and humid for weeks. As always at Les Ivrettes, our own fruit gained maturity and varietal intensity at lower Brix, a recipe for classic wine.

After hand-harvesting, grapes were sorted and destemmed into a low-profile open-top fermenter, cold soaked for two days and, after yeasting, punched down twice a day for 15 days, reaching a peak of 80° F. Midway through fermentation, we performed a délestage to invigorate the yeast and improve extraction. The wine was drained at dryness, gently pressed and barreled down, completing malolactic fermentation after three and a half months. It aged 19 months in French (85 percent) and American (15 percent) oak casks.

Deep crimson to the core, 2011 Trivium delights the eye, then the nose: vanilla bean, sun-ripe plums and blackberries, scents of clove and roasted nuts and thyme, even a hint of your grandfather’s pipe tobacco. The first taste is of layers of racy fruit and sweet oak supported by perfect acidity and graceful tannins. Darker, richer flavors follow and fill the mouth. The wine is supple and balanced, and its textured finish carries on and on. Fully harmonious after 15 months in bottle, this Trivium demands a hanger steak or savory roast. Drink one, save another!

Technical notes:

Harvest Date:	October 18
Fruit Source:	Les Ivrettes Block, Lewelling Ranch, St. Helena
Variety:	100 percent Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol:	14.3 percent
Titratable Acidity:	6.1 grams per liter
pH:	3.66
Bottling Date:	July 14, 2013
Production:	333 cases

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