

2010 CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
*napa valley*

In 1982, Tony Peju bought thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of the Napa Valley. Since then, the Peju family has maintained a meticulous focus on the vineyard, which has grown to include a proactive approach to sustainability and environmental consciousness. That long-standing commitment and respect for the grapes can be tasted with each sip of these balanced and elegant wines. Still family-owned and operated with daughters Lisa and Ariana poised to take the helm, the winery has become an integral piece of the Napa Valley landscape.

VINEYARD

Peju's Rutherford Estate is a California Certified Organic vineyard, and is planted primarily with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The winery's two additional properties, located in Pope Valley and Calistoga, are both Certified Sustainable vineyards. At Persephone Ranch in Pope Valley, the climate is suited to grow Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, as well as Zinfandel, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot are grown on the Wappo Vineyard in Calistoga. Drawing from such varied terroir, the wines exhibit the perfect blend of mountain-fruit focus and Rutherford complexity.

VINTAGE

In 2010, higher than average rainfall pushed budbreak, fruit-set, and veraison back by about two weeks, and cooler summer temperatures ensured a harvest that was significantly later than normal. And while late season heat spikes followed by a consistent Indian Summer meant more work in the vineyard, the unusual conditions ultimately gave us great color and flavor development across the board.

TASTING

The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon is a youthful, elegantly built wine characterized by wild blackberry and raspberry fruit, with notes of rhubarb, cocoa powder and white pepper throughout. Bright, structured, and complex, this wine is ready to drink now or suitable for cellaring through 2018.

APPELLATION  
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VINEYARD  
*persephone, rutherford estate*

COMPOSITION  
*90% cabernet sauvignon,  
10% petit verdot*

COOPERAGE  
*french and american oak,  
40% new*

AGING  
*18 months*

ALCOHOL  
*14.3%*

TA  
*6.64 g/l*

PH  
*3.76*

HARVEST DATE  
*october 2010*

BOTTLING DATE  
*july 2012*

RELEASE DATE  
*january 2013*

CELLARING  
*enjoy now through 2018*

SRP  
*\$50*