



The 2011 Kings Row is a delightful translation of the finest characteristics our hillside vineyards have to offer. The beautiful balance flows from beginning to finish, highlighted by luscious red fruit and sweet, ripe tannins. The 2011 harvest was quite a bit later than usual and took place in a condensed time span, due in particular to the dryer growing season. The even pacing allowed us to achieve excellent control of the crop load and individual field sort pre harvesting. This expresses itself in the lower alcohol levels and brightness one finds in the wine. We are particularly excited about the elegance portrayed at this young stage, and eager to see how the concentrated mid pallet continues to develop. When blending the Kings Row, we are using barrels from many of the same lots that have gone into the Checkerboard blend with the thought of creating a wine rich in characters reflective of this unique vineyard location, and yet, boasting its colors a bit earlier. The 2011 Kings Row, is a perfect example of this offering finesse, multi layers of jammy flavors and an ongoing ending that is delicious. This vintage is blended with approximately 87% Cabernet Sauvignon (comprised of seven Cabernet rootstock and clone combinations), 7% Petit Verdot, followed by 6% Merlot.