

## Annabella 2011~Platinum

## **Technical Analysis:**

Varietal

Appellation Alcohol Aging Cabernet Sauvignon (98%) Malbec (2%) Napa Valley 13.0% 20 months in French Oak

## **Tasting Notes:**

The color of this special Napa Cabernet is classic Bordeaux, deep plum with brick red edges. This wine continually improves with either decanting or after having been opened for a few days (with a cork in the bottle). The wine itself is ripe with fresh and ripe cherry notes and generous cassis, backed with vanilla. The palate is alive with lively Rainier (white) cherries and framed with some dried Bing cherry and soft tannins. The palate is smooth with sweet cherry and cassis and backed with oak and grape tannins and folds subtly into a brown sugar core.

Serve with the finest aged bone-in Rib Eye steak with scalloped potatoes, roasted fingerlings or garlic mashed, and make room for some greens like wilted kale with roasted nuts and aged balsamic. And, yes this wine is a perfect match with chocolate in any form.

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