

2011 Obsidian Vineyard Syrah

Donelan, Knights Valley, California Wine

Product details

Vintage:	2011	Drinking:	2017
Producer:	Donelan	Alcohol:	
Region:	Knights Valley	Variety:	
Country:	California Wine		

Tasting notes

From a unique 30 year old vineyard in Knight's Valley, where the soil is free draining and full of black volcanic glass, the Obsidian vineyard is testament to the capacity of vines to survive in the harshest environments ? in the words of Donelan, ?Obsidian seems to want for water even amid rainstorms?. Tiny berries give great concentration, and again only 35% new oak is used. These wines are some of the most distinctive, thrilling Syrah produced anywhere.

Reviews

From black marble-like soils, the 2011 Syrah Obsidian Vineyard is the strongest of the 2011s from the Donelan Family. Aged 22 months in 33% new French oak, this 300-case Cuvée of 100% Syrah used 30% whole clusters, and was fermented with indigenous yeasts. A deep blue/black color is followed by notes of blackberries, blueberries, kirsch, licorice, camphor and a hint of barbecued meat. This full-bodied, mineral-laced, multi-dimensional, long Syrah tastes like it came from a much greater vintage than 2011. This forward and evolved wine can be drunk now and over the next 2-3 years Score: 94 Points Robert Parker

About the producer

