



2011 Syrah
Castelli-Knight Ranch
Russian River Valley

Pure Castelli-Knight Ranch, peppery, intense, vibrant and complex. Not quite the fruit bomb that the 2005 or the 2007 (2007 was the last Castelli-Knight Ranch Bottled), this 2011 shows the cool vintage in a savory almost subtle version of Castelli-Knight a super impressive Syrah I adore the wines from this vineyard.

100% Syrah

100% Whole Cluster Fermented

Organically farmed

3 acre North to Northwest facing hillside covered in Bright orange, gravel-filled Haire Clay

12-month elevage in neutral French Oak Barrels

252 cases bottled

Tasting Note:

Black pepper, olives, black green & cured and vibrant black berry aromas literally soar from the glass you can smell it 3 feet away. The palate is dense and muscular with loads of spicy black fruit more savory than fruit driven, this is one of the most fascinating Castelli-Knight Ranch Syrahs yet.

Antonio Galloni, Vinous (92-94)

Pax's 2011 Syrah Castelli Knight Ranch bursts from the glass with explosive fruit. Savory herbs, black olives, tobacco, smoke and licorice add complexity to the fruit in this layered, totally impeccable wine. There is so much to like and admire in the 2011, a wine that is literally bursting at the seams with varietal character. Simply put, the 2011 is superb. The 2011 is 100% Syrah, vinified with 100% whole clusters and aged for 18 months in French oak barrels, 50% new. (A.G. July 2013)