

# MATERRA

CUNAT FAMILY VINEYARDS

## 2011 CUNAT RESERVE

<i>appellation</i>	Napa Valley
<i>varietal</i>	96% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Franc
<i>alcohol</i>	14.5%
<i>bottling date</i>	July 2013
<i>case production</i>	182
<i>winemakers</i>	Michael Trujillo & Bruce Regalia
<i>suggested retail price</i>	\$110

### *the 2011 vintage*

The 2011 growing season was certainly exciting. Unseasonably late rains into mid-June delayed bloom and resulted in shatter in many parts of the Valley. The cooler-than-average growing season combined with a later-than-average harvest occurring during late August and September rain storms. Fewer heat spikes than normal combined with well above average rainfall contributed to the lower yields. Due to diligent and adjusting farming practices, the erratic weather and lower yields did not result in compromises to the quality of the fruit.

### *accolades*

85; 2015 Wine Enthusiast

### *winemaking notes*

We selected only the very best fruit and crafted a rich yet smooth reserve Merlot. Because of the care and pride put into making this wine, the Cunat family is proud to place their name on the label. Aromas of vanilla, red fruit, smokey cigar-box, and cedar fill the senses and only become richer as the wine opens up. Your taste buds are treated to bright tart cherry fruit, white pepper, and a soft smooth finish. This is a very food friendly wine and pairs well with bacon wrapped scallops or shrimp, grilled asparagus, meatloaf or lentil and sweet potato curry.

