

# SUMMERS ESTATE WINES



## 2011 Summers Ranch Reserve Knights Valley Merlot



*The Summers Estate Wines family makes their home and work in Calistoga, running this small family-style winery. Our lifestyle is about enjoying life: living in a small town and being involved in community activities, growing grapes and making premium quality wine, and relaxing when the opportunity presents itself. Favorite times are spent visiting with family and friends, playing bocce ball and dining al fresco among the vineyards.*

*Summers Ranch lies at the base of Mount St. Helena in Knights Valley, situated between Napa and Alexander Valley. For the past twenty years this ranch has consistently produced award-winning Merlot wines. This full-bodied 2011 vintage represents an elegant example of those vineyard block which have produced outstanding wines over the years. Nicely balanced with ideal tannins, it exhibits complex notes of cedar, cranberry, red licorice, cardamom and wild herbs with a long, lingering finish.*

### **Suggested Food Pairings**

*Grilled venison or swordfish.*

### **Cellaring**

*Enjoy now or can be aged for 8 to 12 years*

### **Technical Analysis**

*Blend: 92% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Shiraz*

*Alcohol: 14.2%*

*Total Acidity: 6.0 g/L*

*pH: 3.54*

*Barrel Regimen: 20 months in French Oak, 50% New Oak*

### **Cases Produced**

800

### **Suggested Retail Price**

\$38.00