

Barons

2011 Petit Barone

Vintage Notes: 2011 is a cool vintage in Washington State. Many vineyards had frost damage during the winter. The summer was cool, with some vineyards recording their latest harvest on record. The grapes fully ripened expressing full, rich flavors with moderate acidity levels and low pHs, a measure of tartness. This combination is unusual and leads to pleasurable balance and longevity in the wines.

Tasting: Our 2011 Petit Barone has a dark red/black color, with impressive saturation. In the glass, the density of the wine is immediately apparent and it offers up aromas of black cassis and cherry fruits, Tahitian vanilla and other exotic spices. Once on the palate, the richness alluded to by the density is confirmed, with supple, sweet tannins gliding past loads of blackberry and currant juices. Full-bodied and broad in the mouth, the finish is long and full of flavor. Quite delicious now, it will continue to develop for 3-5 years, and will likely drink well through 2025 (and beyond), should you choose to lay it down in your cellar.

Vintage: 2011	pH: 3.72
AVA: Columbia Valley	Acidity: 5.8 g/L
Composition: 49% Cab Sauv 32% Merlot 17% Cab Franc 2% Petit Verdot	Alcohol: 14.1%
Winemaking: 24 months in barrel; 50% New 50% Neutral American & French Oak	Vineyards: Bel'Villa Conner Lee Hedges Estate Stillwater Creek
	Production: 1150 cases
	Release: May 2014
	Aging: 7-10 years



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