



2011 POGGIO DEL PAPA

Winemaker Notes

For our 2011 vintage of Poggio Del Papa, we blended the bright fruit flavors of Sangiovese, grown on the hillside of our Cypress Ranch in Pope Valley, with the rich, dark fruit character of four Bordeaux varietals cultivated on our Rutherford Estate—Merlot, Petite Verdot, Malbec, and Cabernet Sauvignon. Each year, these varietals combine to create a richly, evocative wine. This vintage leads with enticing aromatics—black cherry, cedar, cinnamon, blueberry, boysenberry, with a dusting of freshly ground pepper. The black cherry character continues in the flavor profile, with layers of ripe loganberry and rhubarb. The soft tannins of this blend offer a refined and delicate mouth feel. This is a savory, food-friendly wine that pairs well with pasta dishes but is versatile enough to go with just about anything or be enjoyed by itself.

All The Facts

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Varietal:	80% Sangiovese, 10% Petite Verdot, 5% Merlot, 5% Syrah
Case Production:	480
Aging:	16 months 10% new oak, 60% 1-year-old, 30% 2-year-old oak
Suggested Retail Price:	\$38
Enjoyability:	Drink now through 2016 for optimum enjoyment

On the Vine

Pope Valley's hidden terrain of rolling hills and ancient oak trees is kept secret by 40 minutes of switchbacks that connect this distant corner of Napa Valley to St. Helena. A good portion of this rustic and fertile farmland—Napa Valley's last frontier—still lies fallow, offering a glimpse of this historic wine region's earliest days. Our Cypress Ranch, marked by a massive ancient cypress tree, is set against the backdrop of the Palisades. The Sangiovese we grow on this property exhibits incredible red fruit intensity that marries beautifully with the dark fruit characters of Merlot, Petite Verdot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Malbec.



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