



The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Grande Reserve actually has 10% combined of Cabernet Franc and Petite Sirah blended in. It was aged for 30 months in new French oak and comes in at 14.1% alcohol. Sourced from a single vineyard at 790 meters above sea level, this is the most concentrated and powerful of the producer's offerings this issue. It fills the mouth and coats the palate. Yet, other than the bit of an oaky tinge--it was at times somewhat annoying, but it may yet subside more--it is elegant and beautifully balanced a nicely focused wine with grip on the finish. There is an uptick in price here, but in most objective respects this is the best of the producer's wines this issue, assuming you're not an oak-a-phobe. If that oaky tinge is too much, the Cab Franc will substitute nicely and offers far more purity and character. - Mark Squires, Robert Parker - March 2016

