



## OPUS ONE



### VINTAGE 2011

Opus One was founded by Baron Philippe de Rothschild, legendary proprietor of Château Mouton Rothschild, and renowned Napa Valley vintner Robert Mondavi. By combining the great winemaking traditions and innovations of both families, the founders' singular goal was to create an exceptional wine in the heart of Napa Valley.

Opus One, like any great work, arose out of passion. Dedicated to uncompromised quality, Opus One's sole purpose is to express this vision and passionate spirit for generations to come.

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After an already wet winter and spring, unseasonably late rainfall occurred during flowering in June and disrupted fruit set. The variable rain and low temperatures reduced the number and size of berries on each cluster and increased concentration of the fruit. To reduce ground moisture, extra leaves and shoots were left in place on the vine. Lateral growth was removed to open up the middle canopy and increase air circulation. Given late-season heat spikes that occurred in the 2009 and 2010 vintages, the decision to pick was made during the fresh fruit stage of ripeness. This allowed 45% of the harvest to be completed before an early October storm pushed harvest back by a week. Ultimately the harvest was completed on October 25th, just over a month after it started.

The 2011 Opus One expresses fresh aromas of bright red fruits, herbes de provence, bay leaf and cassis which give way to subtler notes of black tea and white pepper. The wine's round tannins and creamy texture envelop the familiar flavors of fresh cherry, cranberry, and boysenberry with a touch of dark chocolate. This polished and age-worthy wine simultaneously offers a satiny finish and a slight grip of tannin at the close.

#### VARIETALS

Cabernet Sauvignon 71%, Merlot 11%, Petit Verdot 9%, Cabernet Franc 8% and Malbec 1%

#### SKIN CONTACT

17 days

#### BARREL AGING

18 months in new French oak