



William Cole
VINEYARDS

2010 Cuvée Claire
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

Layered with complexity, 2010 Cuvée Claire entices with light floral notes and sweet oak on the nose, which leads into bright red cherries. Sip after sip the wine fills your mouth with lush ripe blackberries and blueberries, revealing hints of cocoa, spice and a touch of vanilla. The palate is seamless from start to finish, leaving silky tannins and an impossibly long finish. Beautifully structured, 2010 Cuvée Claire can be enjoyed today or be cellared for many years to come.

VINTAGE

2010 proved to be an unusual growing season. The summer was cooler than normal, which allowed the grapes prolonged hang time and permitted slow and uniformed ripening, in spite of early fall rains. Patience and experience carried us through and what resulted was a smaller yield of some of the most beautiful fruit we have seen from the estate.

WINEGROWING

William Cole Vineyards Cuvée Claire is cultivated from a 2.5 acre vineyard planted to Cabernet Sauvignon located along the lower slope of Spring Mountain just north of Saint Helena. The combination of silty loam soil, volcanic rock and obsidian results in a range of variation and complexity even within our small vineyard. This diversity in soil allows for better drainage and less water to the vines, resulting in smaller berries with thicker skins, creating intense flavors and structured tannins.

Owner and Winemaker, William Ballentine, his wife Jane and their two children Cole and Claire are committed to their shared goal of preserving the integrity of the estate while continuing their family's legacy of producing world class Cabernet Sauvignon that remains true to its place.



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October 27, 2010

SOIL

Well-drained volcanic tufa loam with interspersed rock and gravel

EXPOSURE

East/Southeast

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL

14.4% by volume

AGED

28 months in French oak

CASE PRODUCTION

610 cases

