



*Our own twist on a traditional,
favorite dessert wine*

Appellation: Paso Robles
Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
pH: 3.89
Total Acidity: .4 g/100ml
Alcohol: 15.9% Alc.
Bottling date: 6/7-6/8/12
Release Date: 11/1/2012

2011 OBTUSE

PHILOSOPHY

Made using the same method as a traditional Port, JUSTIN OBTUSE instead features Cabernet Sauvignon, our hallmark grape variety. A portion of the natural sugar from the grapes is left unfermented for a touch of sweetness that complements the varietal flavors of Cabernet Sauvignon. With only a few months in barrel for some depth, OBTUSE has a crisp, clean finish when compared to traditional versions of this type of wine.

VINTAGE NOTES

2011 began with bud break about two weeks later than usual. Variable weather in late spring caused uneven fruit set, but naturally limited our yields without the need for manual thinning. The summer months were cooler than normal, delaying fruit ripening and maturity, but with careful canopy management we were able to expose the fruit and promote full maturity as the season progressed. A warm early fall with little rain allowed us to slowly ripen and mature the fruit with great results and with yields about 30% below what we would normally see.

HARVEST NOTES

Harvest Period: 11/16/11-11/17/11

VINIFICATION

Fermentation: Halted by adding 170 proof neutral grape brandy, leaving 6% Residual sugar
Maturation: 6 months in 225L French oak barrels (100% neutral)

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Deep ruby purple core with violet rim.
Aroma: Blackberry and blackcurrant jam, black cherry, with a mix of sweet baking spice and a subtle tobacco leaf accent.
Palate: Sweet, full bodied with clean berry and cherry jam predominating on entry, blackcurrant jam, chocolate, coffee, and mild sweet tobacco accents on the mid-palate with a long smooth finish framed with soft pillowy tannins.

Tasting notes by Jim Gerakaris, Certified Sommelier

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