



HILL FAMILY  
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## 2010 Origin

Production: 928 cases

Composition: 57% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot, 9% Malbec and 9% Syrah

Vineyards: Beau Terre, Baker and Soda Canyon, Red Door and Rockpile

Cooperage: 16 months in French oak barrels

Alcohol: 14.8% alc, 3.73 pH, 0.59 TA

Bottled: July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Release Date: Fall 2012

Release Price: \$45.00

Origin is our chance to create a stylish and intriguing blend from all the possible lots we make. Since we had 12 lots to start with, Origin allows us to use many of the small select-lots we make from special sites farmed by Doug Hill and his family all over the Napa Valley. The Merlot grown at Red Door vineyard in Carneros is exotic and rich and adds structure and plushy fruit to the blend. The Malbec and Petit Verdot have also become a big part of the palate structure for the Origin. Though 2010 was a very challenging year for growers with its early-cold weather, and frequent rains during the last weeks of harvest, the final blend for Origin shimmers and re-forms complex layers that will grow and improve for years to come.

### **Winemaker Alison Doran's Tasting notes:**

**Nose)** This wine offers intense aromas of plum, dark cherry and fig jam, layered with chocolate fudge and baking spices.

**Palate)** The entry is full and juicy, showing ripe flavors of blackberry, licorice and plum on a velvety mid palate. Dark chocolate and mocha flavors emerge on the long finish with chewy, coating tannins.