



HILL FAMILY
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2011 Origin

Production: 882 cases

Composition: 43% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 14% Petit Verdot, 3% Syrah, 2% Petite Sirah, 1% Zinfandel

Appellations: Atlas Peak, Oak Knoll, Carneros & Mt. Veeder

Cooperage: 16 months in French oak barrels, (20% new Stavin French oak)

Alcohol: 14.8% alc, 3.79 pH, 0.57 TA

Bottled: June 11th, 2013

Release Date: Winter 2013

Release Price: \$45.00

Winemaker's notes:

Origin is our chance to create a stylish and intriguing blend from all the possible lots we make. Since we had 17 lots to start with, and 7 varieties, the 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 Appellation. Doug Hill has planted an interesting clone of Merlot at Beau Terre called Raucedo, along with the 181 clone. The Merlot at our 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 2011 was a very challenging year for growers, with its early cold weather and frequent rains, this final blend shimmers and re-forms complex layers that will grow and improve for years to come.

Winemaker Alison Doran's Tasting notes:

Nose) Swirls out nicely, with lots of lovely cherry, and deeper berry jam notes, followed by a spicy sweet oak, that's integrating nicely already.

Palate) A young palate, fairly vibrating with different cherry flavors (black, red, and wild). Red roses and graceful fruit fill out the mid-palate, while depth and charm keep going all the way through the finish.