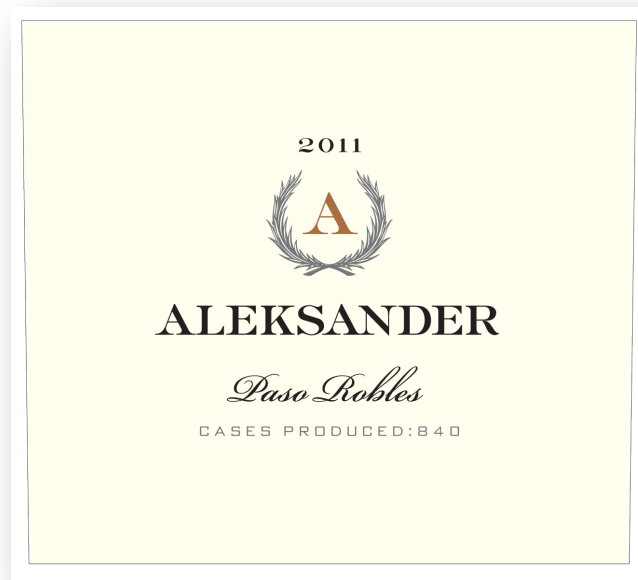




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The 2011 Aleksander follows our refined, yet muscular inaugural 2010 vintage with a modest and elegant presentation of the classic Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon marriage. A cooler growing season delivered moderate alcohol content, making this wine a nice partner for pairing with a wide variety of dishes. The majority of fermentation was in half-ton bins, punched down three times a day. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon were aged separately in a combination of French, Eastern European and Serbian oak barrels for about a year. Then the wines were carefully blended for optimal results and returned to barrel to age together for an additional six to eight months. Approximately 50% new oak.



Vintage: 2011

Varietals: 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

Oak: French and Eastern European Oak barrels, about 50% new

Aging: 18 months in barrel

Alcohol: 13.4%

pH: 3.62

TA: 0.65 g/100ml

Cases Produced: 900

Release: August 2014

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2011 Aleksander by S & G Estate Awards and Reviews

2015 San Diego International Wine Competition
Gold Medal, 93 points

2015 San Francisco International Wine Competition
Silver Medal

The Tasting Panel by Anthony Dias Blue **92 Points**

Smooth and lush with silky texture and juicy plum; earthy, dense and spicy; long and generous, balanced and elegant. 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Connoisseur's Guide—Charles Oken **90 points**

Rife with ripe cherries and getting a big lift from sweet oak in the nose, this deep and impressively stuffed young Merlot toes the line nicely in terms of structure and balance and never gives in to excess. It hints here and there at a bit of vanilla and tea-leaf complexity, and its tendency to suppleness is tempered by fine mix of tannin and firming acidity. It tightens up in the latter going just now, but never once loses sight of energetic young fruit, and it shows lots of promise for good things with age.



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