



X T A N T

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2010 XTANT CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Lewelling Vineyards, St. Helena

COMPOSITION: 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot

ELEVAGE: 40 months in 50% new French oak

ALCOHOL: 15.3% **TA:** 0.610 **pH:** 3.5

CASES: 189 (6 x 750ml)

Typically a blend of select barrels from our three vineyards, the 2010 Xtant is the first to carry a single vineyard designation. Such was the extraordinary quality of our Lewelling Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon in 2010. A low yielding year, the vineyard produced six barrels that were so spectacular that they, along with two equally incredible Merlot barrels, demanded their own bottling. The wine has a compelling floral signature, opening with lovely violet and lavender aromatics that give way to black cherry, brown spice, mocha and sweet hazelnut. Lush and mouth-filling, the wine broadens on the palate supported by elegant, round tannins that persist on the seemingly endless finish.



ESTABLISHED: 2001

LOCATION: Napa Valley

PRODUCTION: One wine per vintage; less than 500 cases

OWNERSHIP: O'Neill Vintners & Distillers

WINEMAKER: Jeff Gaffner

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VINEYARDS: Xtant is rooted in some of Napa Valley's most revered soil. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from the legendary Lewelling Vineyards in St. Helena form the foundation of Xtant. The Bordeaux style complexity of the blend is enhanced by a special block of Cabernet Sauvignon from St Helena's Kletter Vineyard and Malbec from UC Davis' world-renowned Oakville Station in Oakville. We work with vineyard manager Doug Wight to farm our dedicated rows and blocks at all three vineyards for ideal balance and purity of varietal and vineyard expression.

WINEMAKING: Xtant represents the pinnacle of vineyard and vintage, with only the finest and most age-worthy barrels making the final blend. Winemaker Jeff Gaffner employs gentle and meticulously monitored, small-lot winemaking and extended barrel and bottle aging to promote the extraordinary balance of power, elegance and complexity that are hallmarks of our classically styled Xtant.

REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS:

XTANT Cabernet Sauvignon
Lewelling Vineyards 2010

93 points

A dense, assertive style, with layers of rich flavors and a taut body and structure. A successful style, where the mix of mocha-scented dark berry, currant and anise flavors is framed by cedary oak. The fruit pushes through with ease. Drink now through 2028.

—James Laube, *Wine Spectator* 12/23/2015

XTANT Red Wine
Napa Valley 2007

92 points

A showy style for the vintage, pure, rich, ripe and juicy, with lovely plum, blackberry, black licorice and subtle earthy touches. Firms on the finish. Should age beautifully. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Malbec. Best from 2013 through 2026.

—James Laube, *Wine Spectator* 11/15/2012

XTANT Red Wine
Napa Valley 2005

This impressive, Bordeaux-like wine possesses the fruit purity normally associated with a California Cabernet. Its deep ruby/purple color is accompanied by floral, raspberry, black cherry, and currant notes intermixed with notions of licorice, forest floor, and background wood. Round, seductive, and generous, it is ideal for drinking over the next 5-7 years."

—Robert Parker, *eRobertParker.com*