

Petit Bâtard

NAPA VALLEY



ESTABLISHED: 2005

LOCATION: Napa Valley

PRODUCTION: One wine per vintage; less than 1000 cases

OWNERSHIP: O'Neill Vintners & Distillers

WINEMAKER: Jeff Gaffner

CURRENT RELEASE: 2011 Petit Bâtard Red Wine, 694 cases (12 x 750ml)

COMPOSITION: 48% Cabernet Sauvignon – Lewelling and Kletter Vineyards
37% Merlot – Lewelling Vineyards
15% Malbec – Oakville Station

VINEYARDS: Petit Bâtard is the second label to Napa's acclaimed Xtant; offering the same vineyard provenance and winemaking mastery at an extraordinary value. As with Xtant, Petit Bâtard is comprised of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from St. Helena's historic Lewelling Vineyards, Cabernet Sauvignon from the Kletter Vineyard, also in St. Helena, and Malbec from UC Davis' world-renowned Oakville Station research vineyard in Oakville.

WINEMAKING: Petit Bâtard enjoys the same level of "no-holds-barred" winemaking as Xtant, with the distinction between the two made only in the final blend. Winemaker Jeff Gaffner employs gentle, meticulously monitored, small-lot winemaking and extended barrel aging to promote the seductive richness and supple texture that make Petit Bâtard such an incredible Napa Valley value.

VISIT/TASTING: Petit Bâtard vineyards and winemaking facilities are not open to the public.

DISTRIBUTION: Petit Bâtard is sold through distribution in fine wine shops and restaurants in select markets nationally.



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A classic second label, Petit Bâtard is the “illegitimate offspring” of Xtant – offering the vineyard provenance and winemaking pedigree of its parent at a more accessible price.

Like Xtant, Petit Bâtard is a blend of Lewelling Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, Kletter Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon and Oakville Station Malbec.

With slightly more emphasis on Merlot than Xtant, Petit Bâtard is approachable upon release; offering a supple, mouthfilling blend of lush fruit and soft tannins.

COMPOSITION: 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 15% Malbec

ELEVAGE: 40 months in 1/3 new French oak

ALCOHOL: 15.0% TA: 0.58 pH: 3.5

CASES: 694 (12 x 750ml)

Soft, supple and gracefully finessed, our 2011 Petit Bâtard unfurls in layers of black cherry, blueberry and dark plum nuanced by bottle brush, sweet tobacco and clove notes with lovely vanillin oak, roasted grain and cedar grip from barrel aging. Silken upon entry, the elegant round mouthfeel gains a hint of milk chocolate on the mid palate that lingers on the long, fading finish.