



### Arietta Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

For the first time since the 2004 vintage, the 2010 Arietta Cabernet is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. The decision not to blend in the 2010 vintage year gives testimony to the extraordinary quality and reliability of Arietta's two-acre Cabernet Sauvignon block the heart of Coombsville. With the 2010 Arietta wines we celebrate Arietta's fifteenth vintage, and Andy Erickson's sixth vintage as Arietta's winemaker. Andy's detailed and extensive tasting note as well as Antonio Galloni's review in *The Wine Advocate* underline the excitement surrounding the 2010 Arietta Cabernet Sauvignon.

"The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon from Arietta is remarkable for its seemingly incongruous - and yet delightful - density, opacity, and brightness. The growing season was particularly mild, with a slow, steady accumulation of heat, and gentle, textbook ripening of color and tannin. In Coombsville, the gravelly, volcanic soils naturally moderated the crop level, and the cool temperatures made for very balanced, dark, aromatic wines. In the end, the pure Cabernet Sauvignon we produced from our 2-acre block of Clone 337 stood alone as the best expression of the variety in this unique vintage, so in the end the wine is not a blend of varieties, as is our usual practice. The wine has near-black purple color, the hue reflecting the wine's power and energy. The aromatics are intense and expressive, ranging from flint, earth, and chaparral, to fresh blueberries, kirsch, vanilla bean and campfire. These many layers continue to the palate, and, along with a dense, rich mid-palate, the wine is alive and fresh in terms of acidity. This wine will benefit from aging, as it is packed with potential." - Andy Erickson, Winemaker