

# Nicholson Jones

## 2011 Nicholson Jones Coombsville Cabernet Sauvignon

<b>Vintage:</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Varietal:</b>	<b>100% Cabernet Sauvignon</b>
<b>Vineyard:</b>	<b>100% Caldwell Vineyard, Coombsville, Napa Valley</b>
<b>Aging:</b>	<b>20 months 100% New French Oak</b>
<b>Bottled:</b>	<b>Aug-2013</b>
<b>Released:</b>	<b>Sept-2015</b>
<b>Alcohol %:</b>	<b>15.4%</b>
<b>Production:</b>	<b>100 cases</b>



### Tasting Notes

The 2011 Nicholson Jones Cabernet is a deep glass-staining purple, showing rings of ruby as it moves towards the edge of the glass. Vanilla bean and cassis on the nose mingle with blackberry jam, cinnamon and spice. Ripe and explosively opulent, juicy cherries and plums combine with blackberry and currant, again expressing their concentration on the pallet. This wine is full bodied and rich, with silky tannins and a long sweet finish. Decant two to three hours for full expression of aromatics.

### Terroir

Caldwell Vineyard sits on a gentle north west facing slope on the south edge of Coombsville's AVA. Mostly composed of solid volcanic ash from Mt. George, the topsoil is barely existent and the subsoil contains cobblestone strewn layers of rich loams between the volcanic rocks. The gravelly loams and rocky volcanic soils drain easily and the ash sub-soils hold water, which the vines can access as the dry growing season progresses. The vines bud early and the grapes tend to be harvested later, making for a long, slow ripening period. All of this limits dehydration, preserves aromatics and acidity levels, and generally aids in even ripening patterns providing incredible structure, complexity and balance to the wine.

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