



HILL FAMILY  
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## 2011 Red Door

**Production:** 224 cases

**Composition:** 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot & 10% Malbec

**Vineyards:** Baker, Red Door, Guck & Hansen

**Appellations:** Atlas Peak, Oak Knoll and Carneros

**Cooperage:** 44% in new French oak (Remond), 33% in new Hungarian (Trust, Demptos), and 23% in neutral barrels.

**Alcohol:** 14.9%, 3.79 pH, 0.56 TA

**Bottling Date:** June 10, 2013

**Release Date:** Fall 2014

**Release Price:** \$85.00

A Red Door is a symbol of welcome, or for the Chinese, it is a center of positive energy, abundance, and opportunity. Red Door from Hill Family Estate is a wine blended to take advantage of our best small lots that work together in the most rich and flavorful way, regardless of variety or appellation. In 2011, a cool and difficult growing year, one very small lot of Malbec from Atlas Peak was the big star, and the Cabernet Sauvignon from Atlas Peak was fruity and elegant. Merlot from Red Door had rich velvety texture, and the Guck Merlot had a beautiful berry nose. From these outstanding lots we created a small quantity of an amazing wine. It is still evolving, but the fruit and oak work to build the Red Door into one of our best wines ever.

### **Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:**

Lovely rich cherry and toasty pastry notes are followed by deeper vanilla and spice, typical of the aromas that build in Remond barrels. The palate is strangely graceful, coiled, and brawny, like a dancer about to leap. Chocolate covered cherry flavors with toasted hazelnuts reach out invitingly, offering to share the intimate clarity and balance of this wine and its satiny finish.