

Bond St. Eden Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 -3pk

Rated 95, Robert Parker (Oct 2014)

The 2011 Proprietary Red Blend St. Eden is even better than it was last year from the barrel. This is always a great sign and reflects not only excellent winemaking, but meticulous élevage and bottling techniques. One of the superstars of this much maligned vintage, this beauty offers up notes of forest floor, Christmas fruitcake, cedar, blackcurrants and sweet cherries. Broad, savory, full-bodied and opulent, it is already complex and delicious, and should continue to provide immense pleasure for 10-15 more years.

This highly successful project of Bill Harlan and his team from Harlan Estate and his newest, luxury project, Promontory, includes his winemaker Bob Levy and consulting oenologist Michel Rolland. All of these wines represent Bill Harlan's innovative concept of producing 100% Napa Cabernet Sauvignons from some of the region's finest microclimates and terroirs – all with different expositions and soil bases. Most of these vineyards are on long-term leases and are farmed by the Harlan team. To reiterate ... St. Eden is an 11-acre vineyard in the gentle foothills north of the Oakville Crossroads.