



## *2010 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon*

Jean-Claude Berrouet, head winemaker for Chateau Petrus, gave a group of winemakers a bit of advice when we visited him in Bordeaux in June of 2008.

*“Terroir is the way we use soil, vine and climate to express a trait in wine. This isn’t a hierarchy for quality, but rather a mantle for our sense of identity. Diversity shows our personality as a people, living and working in distinct places. This expression of terroir as flavor is not only our sincere identity, but the fruit of our history.”*

Sometimes in California, we work so hard to make big, showy wines, that we forget that well balanced, expressive wines can be far more pleasing. The 2010 vintage of the DeSante Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon provides a fine example of the pleasure to be found in an expressive wine. The cool, 2010 vintage preserved delicate layers of fruit aroma and flavor that would typically be carried away by the summer sun of a warmer year.

Aromas of purple violets, ripe, fresh cherries and plums mingle with the suggestion of sandalwood and wet clay. The silky smooth tannins are fine and marry well with the bright line of acidity that focuses an energetic palate that produces cherry, plum, and raspberry flavors to have the sandalwood reappear as an ethereal finish. The sensations conveyed are delicate, balanced, and nuanced. Yet the experience is intense and memorable.

When expressive elegance is conveyed with such virtuosity, this is the mark of a truly impressive wine.



**Appellation:** Oakville

**Varietals:** Cabernet Sauvignon

**Production:** 8 Barrels