



KELLY FLEMING WINERY						
KELLY FLEMING	2009	CABERNET SAUVIGNON ESTATE	NAPA	\$98	RED	94
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KELLY FLEMING	2011	CABERNET SAUVIGNON ESTATE	NAPA (not yet released)		RED	(89-92)

I was quite taken with the three wines I tasted this year from Kelly Fleming and her long-time winemaker Celia Welch.

The **2009** Cabernet Sauvignon opens with a beguiling bouquet of smoke, incense, tobacco, wild flowers and scorched earth. Silky and polished on the palate, the 2009 impresses for the way it balances an overt expression of fruit while retaining considerable underlying structure. I imagine the 2009 will enjoy a broad window of drinkability. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2029.

Fleming's **2010** Cabernet Sauvignon boasts gorgeous depth and precision from start to finish. Hints of licorice, sweet spices and menthol are layered into an expressive core of dark fruit in this beautiful, complete Cabernet Sauvignon. The aromas and flavors are naturally quite primary, but there is little doubt greater complexity will develop with more time in bottle. A rich, textured finish rounds things out in style. This is a fabulous showing from Kelly Fleming. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2030.

The **2011** Cabernet Sauvignon is a terrific effort in a very challenging year. Welch gave the fruit a little more time on the skins and lowered the percentage of new barrels, an approach that worked nicely here. The 2011 stands out for its energy, focus and balance. It will be interesting to see where the wine goes over the coming year, but there is plenty of potential. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024.

-Antonio Galloni, Issue # 204, December 2012

Reliably Outstanding Sub-\$100 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons

Top-flight Napa Valley Cabernet is rarely inexpensive. These are some of my favorite sub-\$100 wines.

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 O'Shaughnessy
 Pierson Meyer
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