

# 2011 Écluse “Ensemble”

*36% Petit Verdot, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 5% Malbec*

## **Tasting Notes:**

Using our phenomenal Lock Vineyard fruit as the foundation for our popular Bordeaux blend continues to create an incredibly elegant and sophisticated wine. The fabulous nose of Bing cherry and lavender invites you to explore the harmony of these rich Bordeaux varietals. The gorgeous color leads you to dark fruit, spice and currant overtones with hints of coffee on the palate. The long, lingering finish leaves you wishing for more! Very approachable now but will show off its luscious style beautifully as it ages!

*Only 275 cases of this luscious wine were produced!*

## **Awards & Accolades:**

*Double Gold - Cab Shootout, Affairs of the Vine*

*Gold Medal - San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*

*90 Points - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar*

## **About Écluse Wines:**

Écluse Wines may not be familiar to you yet, but stand by! As the home of the San Francisco Chronicle's Sweepstakes winning Best Red Wine, we at Écluse are dedicated to producing limited production, handcrafted, award-winning wines from our very own Lock Vineyard. Nestled in the gently rolling hillside terroir on the desired Westside of the Paso Robles AVA, we feature Bordeaux and Rhone style wines, as well as our fabulous Zinfandel. Our wines are often described as silky, lush, smooth and approachable when first released, becoming even more complex and elegant as they age!

A question almost always asked of us is about our name, Écluse. The explanation is simple – Écluse is French for the locks on the canals that gently carve their way through the remarkable French wine country – since our last name is Lock, the name Écluse for our wines was born.

Our philosophy from the beginning is that great fruit makes great wine. Having our own small winery onsite gives us the added benefit of picking and crushing small lots throughout the vineyard when the fruit has reached its peak flavors. Having the control from the vineyard to the bottle insures that Écluse will remain the truly remarkable wine that it is today!

We invite you to “Savor the Wine that is truly Écluse!”

Cheers!

Steve & Pam Lock

Proprietors

