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Stephen Tanzer's
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2011 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Helms Vineyard Rutherford

Good red-ruby color. Perfumed aromas of cherry, licorice and flowers. Smooth and broad, with lovely intensity and purity to its flavors of redcurrant, cherry, nutty oak and Rutherford dust. Finishes with slightly drying tannins...

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2011 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Lotus Vineyard Napa Valley

Enticing nose melds redcurrant, cherry, anise, milk chocolate and a floral element. Suave, sweet and graceful, showing a lovely sugar/acid balance to the red fruit, mineral and sexy oak flavors. Boasts sneaky flavor intensity and subtle length, finishing with smoother tannins than the Helms. A very successful, refined 2011 cabernet.

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**2011 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Hershey Vineyard Howell Mountain
Napa Valley**

Red-ruby color, the darkest of these 2011s. Dark berries, coffee and licorice on the nose, with a sexy animal character adding interest. Less sweet than the Lotus but with noteworthy finesse of texture to the flavors of blue fruits, menthol and dark spices. Very pure and laid-back today, finishing with sneaky length. The tannins seem much more successfully integrated with the wine's fruit than they appeared to be in barrel a year ago...

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