

WINE SPECTATOR - JAMES LAUBE

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One of the newest additions to the area is the Law winery, founded by engineer Don Law and his wife, Susie. In 2008, the couple planted Syrah, Grenache and Bordeaux varieties high in the hills west of Paso Robles. 2011 was their second vintage, and the wines show what winemaker Scott Hawley was able to accomplish in a cool year. The Nines is rich and complex, showing a dense, firm side of Grenache, while Beguiling is tight and layered, with 15 percent Syrah added to the blend.

2011 Law Estate Wines Audacious, *Rating 92pts*, Seductively creamy mocha-laced oak wraps around a dense, chewy core of espresso, dried berry, licorice and tobacco. Long and tannic on the finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Grenache and Petite Sirah. Drink now through 2025. 579 cases made.

2011 Law Estate Wines Beguiling, *Rating 93 Pts*, Very tight, rich and layered, with a core of dense dark berry, mocha, crushed rock and cedary oak. The flavors fold together well and linger on the finish, where the tannins hold them in place. Grenache and Syrah. Drink now through 2026. 439 cases made.

2011 Law Estate Wines Intrepid, *Rating 90pts*, Firm, rich, dense and gutsy, with a muscular mix of tannins and notes of dark berry, loamy earth, crushed rock and savory. Ends with tannic grip. Syrah. Drink now through 2027. 537 cases made.

2011 Law Estate Wines Sagacious, *Rating 91pts*, Offers a generous mix of blackberry and cherry flavors, with spice, cedar and fresh earth notes. Firm, ripe tannins show on the long finish. Syrah, Mourvèdre and Grenache. Drink now through 2027. 593 cases made.

2011 Law Estate Wines The Nines, *Rating 94pts*, Deliciously rich, firm, complex and layered, with tiers of dusty dark berry, mocha, raspberry and spicy, toasty oak. All the elements fold together, showing appropriate tightness, density and focus. Ends with a long, persistent finish. Grenache. Drink now through 2027. 120 cases made.