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Kapcsandy Family Winery

This is another superb set of wines from Lou and Louis Kapcsandy and their winemaker Denis Malbec. The 2010s continue to get better and better. Kapcsandy's 2011s are among the wines of the vintage, and will in some cases challenge the 2010s and 2012s. That is hardly a surprise, given the attention to detail I saw during the harvest. Readers can see the 2011 fruit being sorted and crushed in this short video. Lou Kapcsandy thinks his 2012s will be better than the 2010s because the wines are showing better today than the 2010s did at the same stage. I am not so sure. It is going to be close. Readers may also want to view this video shot in May 2013 covering the 2012s when they were still in separate lots. Lastly, the Kapcsandy team talks about 2013 here. Kapcsandy continues to make refinements to the range. The Estate Cuvee is back to being a true blend as it was in 2008 and before, rather than 100% Cabernet Sauvignon as it was in 2009 and 2010. The new Rapszodia, a Cabernet Franc/Merlot blend is stunning, and will challenge the better known wines in the lineup soon. Endre remains the entry-level offering, but production will go down, which I believe will raise the quality of the wine based on the 2011 and 2012.

From 2011 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon: Terroir Matters (Nov 2013) by Antonio Galloni

<u>Vintage</u>	<u>Producer</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Tasting Notes</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Drinking Window</u>	<u>Release Price</u>	<u>Review Date</u>
2012	<u>Kapcsandy Family Winery</u>	<u>Roberta's Reserve</u>	The 2012 Roberta's Reserve is showing beautifully today. Dark red berries, mocha, new leather, licorice, menthol and cinnamon all flesh out in a classy, voluptuous wine. The 2012 brings together some of the aromatic nuance of the 2011 with a level of density that recalls the 2010. Sweet rose petals, licorice, mint and red berries add further complexity over time. The 2012 remains bright, focused and nuanced throughout.	(96-98)	2017 - 2032	Not Available	Nov 2013
2012	<u>Kapcsandy Family Winery</u>	<u>Cabernet Sauvignon Grand Vin</u>	The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Grand Vin fleshes out in all directions with tons of richness, power and breadth. Dark red fruit, licorice, menthol and tobacco are some of the many notes that meld together in a super-inviting, resonant wine. Rich and voluptuous throughout, the 2012 boasts exceptional polish, tons of intensity and fabulous overall balance. This is a great showing from Kapcsandy. The Grand Vin blend was composed a little earlier than some of the other 2012s, which explains its total sense of harmony, even at this early stage. The 2012 is 98% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Merlot.	(95-97)	2017 - 2032	Not Available	Nov 2013
2012	<u>Kapcsandy Family Winery</u>	<u>Endre</u>	The 2012 Endre is beautifully alive in the glass. Vibrant, nuanced and impeccable, the 2012 impresses for its clarity and finesse. Dark red cherry, tobacco, mint, licorice and sweet herbs all flesh out in a layered, highly expressive Endre that captures the essence of the year. The 2012 is 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot.	(91-93)	2015 - 2027	Not Available	Nov 2013

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2012	<u>Kapcsandy Family Winery</u>	<u>Estate Cuvee</u>	Dark cherry, plum, smoke, licorice and melted road tar all take shape in the glass in the 2012 Estate Cuvee. Today, the 2012 is first and foremost a wine of impact. There is plenty of depth and density in the glass, but at the same time there is a wild, raw quality to the 2012 that suggests it needs quite a bit more time in barrel. The 2012 is 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Merlot.	(94-96)	2022 - 2035	Not Available	Nov 2013
2011	<u>Kapcsandy Family Winery</u>	<u>Grand Vin Rose</u>	The 2011 Grand Vin Rose is a bit less rich than the 2010, but much more focused and delineated. I very much like the sense of energy and tension here. Sweet floral and spiced notes add lift on a finish laced with sweet tobacco and crushed flowers. The 2011 is 65% Merlot and 35% Cabernet Sauvignon.	92	2013 - 2021	Not Available	Nov 2013
2011	<u>Kapcsandy Family Winery</u>	<u>Estate Cuvee</u>	The 2011 Estate Cuvee is a drop-dead gorgeous beauty. Sweet tobacco, wild flowers, mint, licorice, fennel and mint all meld together in a perfumed, gracious wine graced with stunning elegance and refinement. The 2011 is less obvious than either the 2010 or 2012, but it is more fragrant and perfumed. Clean, saline notes support the striking finish. The blend is 56% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc.	95+	2019 - 2036	Not Available	Nov 2013

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2011	<u>Kapcsandy Family Winery</u>	<u>Endre</u>	A super-impressive wine for the year, the 2011 Endre is drop-dead gorgeous. Freshly cut flowers, mint, sweet tobacco, cherries and dried plums all meld together in a silky, polished wine long on class and finesse. The 2011 is 53% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc. There are just 200 cases, and I am told pricing will remain in line with previous vintages, making the 2011 Endre a fabulous value within the context of first-class Napa Valley wines.	92	2013 - 2026	Not Available	Nov 2013
2011	<u>Kapcsandy Family Winery</u>	<u>Roberta's Reserve</u>	Amazingly, the 2011 Roberta's Reserve may turn out to be better than the 2011. Today it is certainly much more polished, finessed and persistent than the bombastic 2010. Sweet herbs, wild flowers, mint and new leather are all layered together on the finish. The 2011 is all about purity, finesse and balance. What a gorgeous wine this is. The 2011 is 96% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Franc.	96+	2019 - 2036	Not Available	Nov 2013
2011	<u>Kapcsandy Family Winery</u>	<u>Rapszodia</u>	Sweet tobacco, herbs, mint, licorice, new leather, smoke and incense are some of the many notes that flesh out in the 2011 Rapszodia. The 2011 is built in pure elegance and finesse. It doesn't have the exuberance or power of the 2010, but in exchange the 2011 will be ready to drink much sooner. The silky, gracious finish leaves a lasting impression. In 2011, Rapszodia is 62% Cabernet Franc and 38% Merlot.	93	2016 - 2031	Not Available	Nov 2013

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2011	<u>Kapcsandy Family Winery</u>	<u>Cabernet Sauvignon Grand Vin</u>	As great as the 2010 is, the 2011 isn't too far behind. Silky, gracious tannins form the backbone in a refined, beautifully balanced Grand Vin long on class. Sweet, perfumed and utterly impeccable throughout, the 2011 is a Grand Vin simply superb. With time in the glass, the 2011 fleshes out beautifully, showing remarkable depth for the year. The 2011 is 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot and 1% Cabernet Franc. The higher percentage of Merlot is typical of a lot of blends in 2011.	96+	2016 - 2031	Not Available	Nov 2013
2010	<u>Kapcsandy Family Winery</u>	<u>Grand Vin Rose</u>	The 2010 Grand Vin Rose is all about texture. A refined, expressive wine, the 2010 stands out for its depth and pure volume. Tobacco, licorice, crushed flowers and spices are some of the many notes that flesh out on the inviting finish. The 2010 is 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Merlot.	90	2013 - 2020	Not Available	Nov 2013
2010	<u>Kapcsandy Family Winery</u>	<u>Estate Cuvee</u>	A model of grace and finesse, the 2010 Estate Cuvee is showing beautifully today. Grilled herbs, smoke, plum and black cherry notes all meld together in an exquisite, gracious wine loaded with finesse and elegance. Today, the 2010 is a bit reserved, but its energy and exuberance just need time to fully emerge. The 2010s vibrant and impeccably nuanced throughout.	97	2018 - 2035	\$175.00	Nov 2013

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2010	<u>Kapcsandy Family Winery</u>	<u>Rapszodia</u>	The 2010 Rapszodia, a new Cabernet Franc/Merlot blend is spectacular. Warm, rich resonant and expressive, the 2010 emerges from the glass with exquisite aromatics, beautifully delineated fruit and stunning overall balance. All the elements are in the right place. Today, the 2010 Rapszodia is towering and utterly majestic from the very first taste. It is also one of the very best wines I have ever tasted at Kapcsandy. Firm tannins support and explosive finish layered with espresso, mocha, grilled herbs and smoke. I had previously tasted some of the component lots, but now that the blend is assembled and bottled, all I can say is that this is a superb wine. In a word: dazzling!	99	2020 - 2035	\$150.00	Nov 2013
2010	<u>Kapcsandy Family Winery</u>	<u>Cabernet Sauvignon Grand Vin</u>	The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Grand Vin is stunning. Dark black cherry, plum, smoke, licorice, menthol, tobacco and new leather wrap around the palate as this majestic, breathtaking wine shows off its personality, class and pure pedigree. Powerful yet elegant, delicate yet intense, the 2010 is firing on all cylinders today. Layers of fruit build to a crescendo of pure pleasure. Readers lucky enough to own the 2010 will want to cellar this beauty for at last a few years. In the meantime, though, it will be pretty impossible to resist. The blend is 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot and 1% Petit Verdot.	100	2020 - 2035	\$350.00	Nov 2013

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2010	<u>Kapcsandy Family Winery</u>	<u>Roberta's Reserve</u>	The 2010 Roberta's Reserve is deep, rich, and powerful. The most backward of the Kapcsandy 2010s today, the Roberta's impresses for its purity, centeredness and poise. The 2010 is nowhere near ready to drink. With time in the glass, some of its explosiveness begins to emerge. Dark plum, mocha, new leather and licorice are some of the many notes that flow through to the vibrant, nuanced finish. A dollop of Cabernet Franc (5%) rounds out the blend.	97	2020 - 2035	\$350.00	Nov 2013
2010	<u>Kapcsandy Family Winery</u>	<u>Vino Del Sol</u>	The 2010 Vino del Sol is a little bit more floral, lifted and savory than some recent vintages. Leather, spice, tobacco, crushed flowers, mint and orange peel meld together in an attractive, medium-bodied dessert wine to drink over the next few years.	93	2013 - 2020	Not Available	Nov 2013
2010	<u>Kapcsandy Family Winery</u>	<u>Endre</u>	The 2010 Endre is dark, sensual and layered. Mocha, black cherry, plum, spice and licorice notes all flesh out in the glass. The 2010 is drinking beautifully, but has enough depth to develop nicely for at least another handful of years. Sweet tobacco, licorice and dried flowers linger on the finish. The 2010 is 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc.	91	2013 - 2020	\$85.00	Nov 2013