



Éloge

Vintage: 2009

Color: Dark Ruby Red

Aroma: Glorious aromas of cedar, cigar box wood, creme de cassis core of concentrated dark fruits, yet streaks of red currents in the mid palate, violets, spice and toast.

Taste: Deep, full and layered with incredible concentration. Lush fruit, and full bodied flavors of concentrated dark fruit, spice and mocha.

The Year: In the Napa Valley, Mother Nature is once again a super-hero, providing winemakers lush, beautiful grapes for great wine. The news all year has been so focused on the woes of the world, that many outside of Napa Valley didn't realize that the 2009 vintage in America's most renowned wine growing region is producing outstanding fruit that looks and tastes to be a spectacular vintage. The mild temperatures of 2009 lends itself well to Pinot Noir. Being from Burgundy, one of France's most northerly regions, it does like excessive heat. 2009 allowed for wonderful ripening, kept our acid levels high and permitted the polyphenols to develop perfectly. The presence of forward, bright fruit with pure varietal character and the much-favored extended hang time has not come with excessive ripeness. Vintners and growers are delighted with 2009!

Harvest: September 28, 2009 – October 1-22, 2009

Brix: 25.8

TA/pH: 0.66/3.62

Bottled: August 2011

Released: September 2012

Varietal: 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petit Verdot, 8% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.8%

Appellation: 100% Napa Valley, 100% 2009 Vintage

