

Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage: 2009

Color: Dense purple with a reddish-purple edge

Aroma: Red and black currents, violets and other perfumed flowers, all anchored by fantastic loamy earth and concentrated minerals.

Taste: Medium to full bodied mouth feel with full mouth aftertaste. Powerful concentrated dark berry fruits are elevated by brighter red fruits but then are counterbalanced by earth, leather and graphite like minerals. The fruit and earth components are so tightly woven that once you grasped one element, the wine moves into another.

The Year: In Napa Valley, Mother Nature is once again a super-hero, providing winemakers lush, beautiful grapes for great wine. The news all year had 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 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: October 1-12, 2009

Brix: 25.6 TA/pH: 0.62/3.78 Bottled: March 2011 Released: March 2012

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, 100% Estate fruit

Alcohol: 14.6%

Appellation: 100% Napa Valley, 100% 2009 Vintage

Aged in french oak for 22 months.