



2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
North Coast

BLEND

*Cabernet
Sauvignon 86%
Merlot 7%
Petite Sirah 7%*

VINEYARD

The 2009 Arnold Palmer Cabernet Sauvignon was made from select vineyards in California's North Coast. The heart of this cabernet sauvignon comes from the Red Hills appellation southern Lake County, with the remainder sourced from vineyards along the Napa Valley's eastern flank. We blended in seven percent merlot to soften the tannins of the wine, and seven percent petite sirah to enhance its overall complexity and balance.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were handpicked in the early morning then crushed, de-stemmed, and allowed to cold-soak at 50 degrees F for 72 hours. For added richness, color extraction and structure the grapes were pumped over twice a day. The new wine was pressed off the grape skins shortly after the finish of fermentation when optimum color had been obtained. The wine spent eighteen months in our cellars, developing aromatic character and complexity, reflecting barrel ageing.

TASTING NOTES

The 2009 Arnold Palmer Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas of plump dark plums and cherries. The flavors of the wine hint of mint while filling the mouth with raspberry candy, dark chocolate, and espresso. The finish has elements of dark fruit, integrated with an elegant tannin structure.