



2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Napa Valley

BLEND

*Cabernet
Sauvignon 88%*

Merlot 12%

VINEYARD

Our 2009 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is composed primarily of grapes from a rocky vineyard located in the Rutherford appellation in center of the Napa Valley. The Merlot fruit came from a north facing Howell Mountain vineyard on the eastern highlands of Napa Valley. 2009 was a bountiful harvest and will be remembered as an exceptional vintage in the Napa Valley. It was an extended harvest which allowed for delayed and careful harvesting. The longer "hang time" benefited color and tannin development.

WINEMAKING

In 2009, the hallmark of the vintage is the deep color and ample tannins which indicates great cellaring potential of this wine. We fermented these grapes for two weeks at warm temperatures and followed with extended maceration, extracting maximum ripe flavors and supple tannins. The wine was aged in 40% new and 60% two year old French Oak barrels for twenty months. The wine was bottled in October, 2011.

TASTING NOTES

The deep blackberry color carries through on the nose, mingled with blueberries and anise. On the palate, there are more black fruits and graphite combined with a lush, velvety texture. The bright fruit flavors complement dusty tannins on the finish, like fine dark chocolate sprinkled with raspberries. Our 2009 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has a great deal of finesse, and we can expect it to be at its peak from 2013 through 2023.

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