



2009 SANGIOVESE  
*Napa Valley*

BLEND

*Sangiovese 100%*

VINEYARD

Our 2009 Sangiovese comes from our Oakville vineyard. This vineyard has continuously produced the extraordinary grapes selected for our Sangiovese. It was selected for its Brunello clone and shallow, rocky soil. In these soils, the stressed vines produce superior quality Sangiovese we pick. The 2009 harvest was punctuated by a warm July and September ending with unseasonable October rain. Since Sangiovese is an early ripening varietal, we picked these grapes in early October before the rains swept through.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation was allowed to occur naturally over a period of two weeks, using only native yeasts. After completing fermentation, the juice was drained from the tanks and the remaining must was gently pressed. This wine was then barrel aged for twenty-two months in twenty percent new French oak barrels with the remainder in two year-old French Oak barrels. The wine was bottled in October 2011.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2009 Napa Valley Sangiovese is perfumed with aromas of black cherries, raspberries, sandalwood, and a hint of vanilla. Bing cherry dominates the mid-palate, accented by raspberries and hints of sandalwood. The finish begins with appealing minerality notes and finishes with a spice infusion of cocoa bean.