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NAPA VALLEY



## 2009 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

### 2009 Harvest Notes

From our first Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc blocks to our final red-varietal Estate picks, our 2009 harvest spanned more than two months. Though the 2009 growing season presented certain challenges—from early shatter to late-season rain—a thoughtful response in the vineyards yielded smaller-than-normal crops of high-quality fruit. This response included aggressive leafing, an early thinning protocol and a heavy field sort to select only the most desirable grapes.

### Comments from the Winemaker

Though still in its youth, this is a wonderfully aromatic and fragrant wine, with vibrant, lifted aromas of spearmint, blackcurrant, violets, graham cracker crumbs and loganberry. On the palate blackberry and blueberry flavors mingle with cocoa and cola notes. Though the tannins impart a touch of youthful dryness, decanting reveals this wine's classic Cabernet character, with a lovely structure, generous mouth-filling flavors and a long, satisfying finish.

### Varietal Content

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc

### Harvest Information

Harvest Dates: October 8 — November 5, 2009

Average Sugar at Harvest: 26.4° Brix

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### Cooperage

100% French oak château-style barrels (60 gallons)

Barrel Aging: 16 Months

Age of Barrels: 40% New, 60% Second Vintage

### Production/Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%

Titrateable Acidity: 0.59 g/100ml

pH: 3.69

Bottled: May 2011

Released: November 2011