

# DUCKHORN

VINEYARDS

NAPA VALLEY



## 2009 Estate Grown Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon *Patzimaro Vineyard*

Our Patzimaro Vineyard is located in the St. Helena appellation at the base of Spring Mountain. The site was named after the town of Patzimaro de Aviña in honor of the Hurtado Family, an essential part of the Duckhorn Vineyards winemaking team who migrated from this small village to the Napa Valley in 1987. The vineyard enjoys high daytime temperatures that help to fully ripen the grapes and cool evenings that allow the fruit to retain the natural acidity needed to create balanced, elegantly structured wines.

### 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

With its signature olive, truffle and wet earth aromas, this wine is unmistakably from Patzimaro Vineyard. The earthy entry leads to a juicy mid-palate where dark fruit flavors mingle with French oak notes of vanilla and sweet spice. Fine-grained tannins add warmth and balance, while enhancing the texture and structure of the wine.

### Varietal Content

83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, 3% Merlot

### Harvest Information

Appellation: Napa Valley

Sub-appellation: St. Helena

Harvest Dates: September 10 - October 27, 2009

Average Sugar at Harvest: 26.2° Brix

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### Cooperage

100% French oak, Chateau-style barrels (60 gallons)

Barrel Aging: 18 months

Age of Barrels: 100% new

### Production/Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%

.56 g/100 ml titratable acidity

10-12 days fermentation at 80°F

pH: 3.74

Bottled: July 2011

Release Date: September 2012