

DUCKHORN

VINEYARDS

NAPA VALLEY



2009 Estate Grown Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon *Rector Creek Vineyard*

Rector Creek Vineyard is located north of Yountville along the Silverado Trail. A unique climate, combined with Rector Creek's rocky alluvial soils, creates excellent growing conditions for the vines. The 39-acre site is planted with Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. The wines from this vineyard exhibit abundant dark red fruit characteristics including black raspberry, with hints of strawberry.

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

This is a wine with great density, bold tannins and voluptuous dark berry fruit. On the palate, the big tannins offer a framework for abundant blackberry and blueberry flavors, while undertones of espresso, cinnamon and tobacco leaf add to this wine's full-bodied complexity. With decanting, the flavors are vivid and deep, highlighting the seductive blue fruit elements.

Varietal Content

89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot

Harvest Information

Appellation: Napa Valley

Sub-appellation: Yountville

Harvest Dates: September 10 - October 29, 2009

Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.6° 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%

.55 g/100ml titratable acidity

10-12 days fermentation at 80°F

pH: 3.70

Bottled: July 2011

Release Date: September 2012