



red truck[®]

2009 california red wine

Winemaker's Comments

"Dark jammy blackberry and blueberry aromas abound while hints of eucalyptus and black tea offer a beautiful beginning. With a smooth medium-body, this wine can be enjoyed with family and friends. Fill'er up and Enjoy!"

John Albaugh, Winemaker

Vineyards

Our Syrah grapes come from the Central Coast areas of Paso Robles and Shandon, areas known for dark, rich wines. Our Cabernet Franc is from a hillside vineyard planted on rocky, red soil made of decomposed granite. This vineyard is managed using "deficit irrigation" to control vigorous growth and increase flavor and color intensity. The Petite Sirah vineyard is on its "seventh leaf" and grows at the base of the foothills in the southeast corner of Sacramento County. It's cooled by the Sacramento Delta breezes and the grapes are dark and flavorful.

Vintage

The 2009 growing season was fairly consistent with early rain and hot temperatures late in the year. This growing climate allowed the fruit to ripen slowly and have above average quality. The end result was fruit with intense flavors and a harvest that could only be described as optimal.

Fermentation & Aging

The grapes were picked and then gently crushed and pumped to the stainless steel fermentation tank. The free run juice was drained into a settling tank and the wines were pumped over daily to improve flavor. The flavorful press wine was re-combined with the free run juice and allowed to settle for about two weeks. The wine was racked in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks.

Technical Data

Blend:	46% Syrah 23% Petite Sirah 14% Cabernet Franc 7% Merlot
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Alcohol:	13.6%
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Acidity:	5.90 g/L
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pH:	3.64
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Released:	Fall 2011
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Production:	16,000
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UPC:	098652900007
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SRP:	\$10.99
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187 ml - 4 packs!

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