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2009 california cabernet sauvignon

Winemaker's Comments

"Lush aromas of dried cherries and vanilla bean set the stage for blueberry notes, ripe plum and black tea flavors leading to a velvety mouthfeel and finish."

John Allbaugh, Winemaker

Vineyards

These Cabernet Sauvignon grapes come from our vineyards in California's Northern Interior which are known for their great fruit. These vineyards have well drained soils and plenty of heat to ripen the grapes beautifully. The long "hang time" creates the luscious richness balanced with the smooth finish.

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

Individual lots of fruit were harvested separately according to ripeness and balance of acidity. The grapes underwent de-stemming and a very gentle crushing to ensure a large proportion of whole berries in the must contributing to the explosive fruit character of the wine. Fermentation was carried out in stainless steel tanks with select cultured yeasts. The wine was pumped-over twice daily and the temperature was controlled to an optimum 85°F to extract rich color and flavor. The wines were pressed off their skins and racked twice before being put on American oak to add delicious flavors of vanilla and spice.

Technical Data

Blend:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol:	13.5%
Acidity:	0.55 g/L
pH:	3.81
Released:	January 2011
Production:	15,000
UPC:	098652900021
SRP:	\$11.99



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