



2008 29 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Harvest Dates: September 24, 2008

Barrel Age: 19 months, 90% new, 100% French oak

Cooperage: Transaud, Demptos, Ermitage, and Baron

Bottling Date: May 6, 2010

Alcohol: 14.8%

Release Date: Fall 2011

Cases Produced: 401

Release Price: \$225 ~ 750ml

Library Price: \$495 ~ 750ml

THE VINEYARD Our 29 Estate Vineyard sits on a hillside just at the “pinch” of Napa Valley’s hourglass shape. Excellent airflow provides natural frost protection, while the fertile clay loam soils encourage deeply rooted vines, yielding powerfully concentrated cabernet sauvignon tempered by markedly floral, velvet elegance and explosive aromatic.

THE VINTAGE Our 29 Estate property continues to enchant us with wines of extraordinary elegance and sophistication—and our 2008 29 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon claims these traits and melds them with restrained power and concentration. Similar in structure to the cool 2001 vintage, the 2008 exhibits hallmarks of a wine of great ageability that will be a long-term addition to your collection.

THE WINE An opaque, deep ruby hue in the glass reveals aromatic notes of crushed blackberries, cassis and loamy soil on the nose. After a moment in the glass, aromas of black plums, new saddle leather and dusty earth, with hints of dried wildflowers emerge, adding a delicate perfume to this compelling wine. On the palate fresh tobacco leaf and exuberant dark berries add richness and depth and marry perfectly with sweet tannins and a full-bodied finish. Our 2008 29 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon will benefit by 3 years of bottle age and generous decanting and will develop gracefully over the next 20 to 25 years.

THE UPDATE Aromas of mountain sage, dried lavender and crunchy blueberries highlighted by great acidity and a lush, velvety texture. The palate shows fresh violets, chocolate covered coffee beans and cassis. This gorgeous wine is still evolving and has many years ahead.