



2009 29 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Harvest Dates: October 6, 2009

Barrel Age: 21 months, 90% new French oak

Cooperage: Taransaud, Demptos, Ermitage, Baron

Bottling Date: August 13, 2011

Alcohol: 15.2%

Release Date: Fall 2012

Cases Produced: 665

Release Price: \$195 - 750ml

Library Price: \$515 - 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 The 2009 vintage will be remembered for early spring rains followed by moderate summer temperatures resulting in a nearly ideal growing season. Strong berry set, good crop levels, cool mornings and warm afternoons developed grapes with balanced sugars and acidity. The resulting wines show intensity of color and flavor and are wonderfully opulent and elegant.

THE WINE Our 2009 29 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is a deeply saturated, jewel-toned wine. A seductive nose displays aromas of black cassis, lifted violets and dark chocolate shavings. Gentle swirling coaxes further notes of cigar box and potpourri which set the stage for a stunning palate layered with flavors of cedar, cracked black pepper, black licorice and bergamot. This vineyard has always produced a wine of extraordinary texture and the 2009 vintage is no exception. Firm tannins support a velvety structure with richness and depth that create a lengthy and full-bodied finish. Our 2009 29 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon can be enjoyed now with generous decanting or tucked away in your cellar for 20 to 25 years.

THE UPDATE The 29 Estate Cabernet from 2009 is an aromatically pleasing, full bodied, classic Napa Cabernet that does not disappoint. The aromas are beautiful and packed with violets, tea leaf, cardamom, and deep red and black fruits. Upon entry the wine is layered and complex with red fruits dominating but black cassis and currant poking through. The tannins are fine grained and silky throughout which add to the fresh, youthfulness of this 15 year old Cabernet.