

Hawk and Horse
Vineyards

2008 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Blend: 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot

Vineyard Notes: Grown on our 18-acre estate mountain vineyard at elevations of up to 2,200 feet in rocky red volcanic soil. The vineyard is CCOF Organic and Demeter Biodynamic certified. On the ranch we pursue a true biodynamic "closed system," where biodynamic preparations are sourced primarily from our property. A picturesque aspect of this is our Scottish Highland cattle, which play an important role.

The 2008 growing season was distinguished by dramatic fluctuations in temperature with highs above 100 degrees during the day and evenings cooling to the low 60s. We saw uniformity of ripeness and fruit with concentrated flavors and deep color. Harvest was 1.7 tons per acre on September 30th.

Winemaker's Notes: Hand crafted using minimal intervention in the cellar to bring forth the highest expression of our Lake County Red Hills vineyard's terroir. We used a combination of new and two-year-old French oak to match the overall balance and nuance of this elegant wine.

Alcohol: 14.1%; pH: 3.46; Cooperage: Aged 18 months in 100% French oak (50% new); Production: 1,150 cases.

Tasting Notes: Aromas of wild rose, cedar and spice. Rich and full bodied with notes of cocoa, berries, earth, balanced by firm yet velvety tannins. Perfect with grilled pepper steak or sip with chocolate soufflé. Beautiful now, yet with enough structure to age into the next decade.



Accolades

94 Points, *The Tasting Panel*
Publishers Pick - "Seriously Smitten!"
Gold, *Tasters Guild Int'l Wine Competition*



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