



2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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 2009 growing season was intense. Winter gave way to summer-like weather with highs in the mid to high 80s, cooling at night. By summer we saw several days over 100 degrees typifying our Lake County high elevation vineyard site. Cool nights gave reprieve and allowed the vines to develop intense fruit with complexity and deeply saturated color. Harvest was September 28, yielding two tons per acre. The berries were small with uniform clusters, offering wonderful extraction while maintaining balance.



Winemaker's Notes: Hand crafted in an old-world style. We use minimal intervention in the cellar to bring the highest expression of our Lake County Red Hills vineyard's terroir to every glass. This vintage saw 100% new French oak to complement the overall balance and nuance of this elegant, full-bodied wine. Alcohol: 14.8%; pH: 3.47; Cooperage: Aged 23 months in 100% new French oak; Production: 1,350 cases.

Tasting Notes: Brilliant, deep garnet red in the glass; perfumed with notes of wild blackberry, ripe roses, and white pepper spice. Smooth silky mouthfeel offering notes of blueberry, cedar, and wild rose. Finishes a pleasing dry cocoa and black fruit, long and sultry. Superbly balanced with integrated tannins. This wine is a perfect complement to any hearty meal. Enjoy with a grass-fed beef brisket, fresh grilled asparagus, and basmati rice pilaf.

Accolades

94 Points, *The Tasting Panel*

94 Points, *Gold Int'l Eco-friendly Wine Challenge*
"Best Eco-friendly US Red Wine"

93 Points, *Exceptional BTI World Wine Championships*
Double Gold *Tasters Guild Int'l Wine Competition*
Gold *American Wine Society*

Gold *Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Wine Competition*
Gold *Critics Challenge Int'l Wine Competition*

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