



Jefferson Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon

ESTATE GROWN IN THE NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2008

TASTING NOTES

This wine has a deep and vibrant magenta hue that persists to the edge of the glass. The aromas are very inviting, enticing with tones of dark berry fruits, chocolate and smoky coffee. On the palate the wine makes a bold entrance which is reaffirmed by a strong personality at its core. The mid-palate is big and the wine is nicely framed with chewy tannins that will allow this wine to age gracefully well into the next decade. The finish is long and lingering, this wine will reward the patient decanter.

Decant 30-60 Minutes. I'm enjoying this wine now and feel that it will age well through 2025, perhaps longer.

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

CELLAR NOTES

The lots used in this wine were all picked, crushed, fermented and aged separately for the first year. After 12 months in barrels, we began to assemble the cuvee in broad strokes. At each racking cycle (every 3-4 months) we would further blend the wine towards the finished cuvee. The final and finishing touches were blended prior to bottling after 26 months in barrel. I enjoy this method of slow-blending over the course of a year or so, when we are assembling blends from many different components, as it allows each blending cycle some time to marry prior to the next.

VINEYARDS, VINTAGE AND VINIFICATION

Cabernet Sauvignon	State Lane Vineyard - <i>Yountville, Napa Valley</i>
Cabernet Sauvignon	Tietjen Vineyard on Niebaum Lane - <i>Rutherford, Napa Valley</i>
Cabernet Sauvignon	Yewell Vineyard on Ehlers Lane - <i>St Helena, Napa Valley</i>
Merlot	Home Ranch and Knollwood Vineyard - <i>Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley</i>
Cab Franc	Home Ranch Vineyard - <i>Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley</i>
Cuvee	78% Cabernet Sauvignon / 12% Merlot / 10% Cabernet Franc
<i>Oak - 22 Months in French Oak, 30% New</i>	<i>Alcohol - 14.2%</i>

VINTAGE

Winegrowers across Napa Valley met the challenges of a crazy weather year, harvesting fruit with incredible concentration which, by all accounts, is showing 2008 as a low-yielding, yet high-quality vintage from Napa Valley. Mother Nature may have lightened the load in the vineyard, but what's being revealed in the winery is very well structured, concentrated, elegant wines.

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