

State Lane Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE 2009

## TASTING NOTES

The 2009 State Lane Cabernet Sauvignon is a very big wine. We have come to love the bold expression of tannin and fruit that this vineyard provides. Underneath the dark red and black berry aromas, I find a light streak of eucalyptus on the nose, which pleasantly adds a contrasting balance to the wine. On the palate, this wine is dark with a solid grip of tannin on the palate. Swirling on the midpalate is a lush core of dark black fruit that extends into the long finish.

Drink now through 2026. Estimated Peak 2014-2020

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

## VINEYARDS, VINTAGE AND VINIFICATION -

Cabernet Sauvignon State Lane Vineyard, Clone 337 Yountville, Napa Valley (100%)

A great satisfaction in producing our Vineyard Designate series of Cabernet Sauvignon is the selection of the wine to be used. 2009 was a cooler growing season, and we pushed our winegrowing, winemaking and comfort levels to the maximum in seeking the ripest expressions of fruit that we could attain from each vineyard without sacrificing balance or acidity.

Oak - 28 Months in 100% New French Oak, Medium Plus Toast, Tight Grained Alcohol - 14.6%

## Yountville Sub-Appellation

Climate: Moderate, with definite cool marine influence and fog contributing to cool summer mornings and the marine breeze keeping afternoons more comfortable than further up-valley. Mid-summer peak temperatures may reach 90°F (31°C), with noticeable diurnal fluctuation to the mid-50°F range (13°C).

Soils: South and west borders are more sedimentary, gravel-clay soils, with lower fertility and moderate water retention. Further north and to the east soils are prevalently volcanic in origin and are deeper and more fertile.

Principal Characteristics: depth, intensity, deep black-fruit character and rich texture.



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