

VARIETAL COLLECTION

Carménère

2008

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| Vintage: | First |
| Composition: | 100% Carménère |
| Clone: | 02 |
| Appellation: | Napa Valley, Coombsville District |
| Vineyard: | Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981 |
| Block: | 18 |
| Yield: | 3.0 tons per acre |
| Average Vine Age: | 5 years |
| Vintage Summary: | The 2008 vintage was marked by cold conditions during growing season and the lack of rain during harvest season. Our vineyard escaped the pre-bloom frost that plagued the majority of the Napa Valley. Dry conditions marked the bloom including a heat spell that lasted a week which was followed by a fast and uniform berry set. Heat spells marked the early and later parts of the ripening season. Picking times trended early with yields at normal levels. Berry sizes were small but rich in flavor with soft skins. |
| Harvest Date: | October 24, 2008 |
| Fermentation: | 59-gal barrel fermented |
| Yeast: | Natural |
| ML: | Natural |
| Wood Origin: | Tronçais, Loiret |
| Ageing: | 20 months in barrel |
| New Oak Barrels: | 100% |
| Fining/Filtering: | None |
| Bottling: | June 3, 2010 |
| Winemaker's Tasting Notes: | This wine has a classic nose of raspberry, blackcurrant, black pepper, black olive and forest floor. The mouth is concentrated and well-rounded showing flavors of black plum, blackberry, dark chocolate, and cacao. |
| Cellaring: | 5 – 8 years |
| Production: | 47 cases |
| Price: | \$90 / 750ml |

