

VARIETAL COLLECTION

Merlot

2008

Vintage:	Second
Composition:	100% Merlot
Clone:	181
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981
Block:	12
Yield:	2.0 tons per acre
Average Vine Age:	24 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 23, 2008
Fermentation:	59-gal barrel fermented
Yeast:	Natural
ML:	Vinoflora Oenos
Wood Origin:	Troncais, Loiret
Ageing:	20 months in barrel
New Oak Barrels:	100%
Fining/Filtering:	None
Bottled on:	June 3, 2010
Winemaker:	Marbue Marke
Winemaker's Tasting Notes:	Chocolate covered cherries, coffee grounds, and black pepper define this classic nose. A ripe black cherry attack gives way to a full mouth of black olive and plum with hints of white pepper; the mouth finishes clean with dark chocolate and coffee berry.
Cellaring:	4 – 7 years
Production:	65 cases
Price:	\$65 / 750ml

