

VARIETAL COLLECTION

Syrah Port

2008

Vintage:	Second
Composition:	100% Syrah
Clone:	470
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981
Block:	Kreuze Canyon
Yield:	3.5 tons per acre
Average Vine Age:	8 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:	November 12, 2008
Fermentation:	S-48 double walled bin
Yeast:	Natural
ML:	None
Wood Origin:	Troncais
Ageing:	20 months in barrel
New Oak Barrels:	100%
Fining/Filtering:	None
Bottled on:	July 2, 2010
Winemaker's Tasting Notes:	Intense blueberries, blackberries and cherries surrounded by vanilla, cocoa and milk chocolate define this wonderful nose. The full and layered mouth of blackberries, raspberries, cherries and plum are supported by marshmallow flavored tannins finishing long with a lingering aged vanilla.
Cellaring:	5 – 30+ years
Production:	115 cases
Price:	\$65 / 500ml

