

2008 CALDWELL SILVER

ESTATE GROWN

We're celebrating the 10th year anniversary for "Silver". The first vintage was made by Philippe Melka in 1998. Now here we are releasing our 2008 vintage made by Marbue Marke. It was a luck out that we've been able to work with these two guys... Philippe's reputation stands on its own, and Marbue is the best winemaker I've ever worked with. Today they work hand-in-hand on various projects here including Moone-Tsai and Kristine Ashe Vineyards. The original intent was to make one wine (like the best First Growths in France) – a proprietary red blend that represented the best of the best of our vineyard. We used to call it Caldwell, but then we made a Cabernet and people started calling the blend "Silver" and the Cab "Gold" because of the color of the cartouche on the bottle – and it just stuck.

Vintage:	Tenth
Composition:	46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc, 9% Malbec, 8% Petit Verdot
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville AVA
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Yield:	3 tons per acre
Average Vine Age:	10 years
Fermentation:	59-gal barrel fermented
Yeast:	Natural
ML:	Natural
Wood Origin:	Troncais, Loiret, Jupilles
Ageing:	29 months in barrel
New Oak Barrels:	100%
Fining/Filtering:	None
Bottled on:	March 23, 2011.
Winemaker's	The nose shows bright red
Tasting Notes:	raspberry, hazelnut mocha coffee, chocolate covered cherries, and cigar box. The cranberry attack leads to a juicy, full mouth of intense blueberry, blackberry. Integrated espresso tannins give way to a lingering black cherry.
Cellaring:	7 – 10 years
Production:	160 cases
Price:	\$120 / 750ml \$280 / 1.5 L \$645 / 3 L (pictured)

