

Syrah
2008

Vintage:	First
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 5, 2008
Fermentation:	100% 59-gal barrel fermented
Yeast:	Natural
ML:	Natural
Wood Origin:	Troncais
Ageing:	20 months in barrel
New Oak Barrels:	100%
Fining/Filtering:	None
Bottled on:	July 2, 2010
Winemaker's Tasting Notes:	This elegant nose is dominated by ripe cherry and surrounded by black pepper, vanilla and coriander. A blackberry attack leads into an intense full-flavored mouth of black cherry, raspberries, black pepper supported by dark chocolate tannins. Wild blueberries and mineral characterize the long finish.
Cellaring:	3 – 6 years
Production:	45 cases
Price:	\$65 / 750ml

