

VARIETAL COLLECTION

Tannat

2008

Vintage:	Second
Composition:	100% Tannat
Clone:	474
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981
Block:	17
Yield:	3 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 9, 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
Bottled on:	July 2, 2010
Winemaker's Tasting Notes:	This is an intense nose of ripe blackberry, vanilla, leather and oregano. A big full flavored mouth of black plum, black cherry, black olives, and white pepper give way to big chocolatey tannins that finish juicy and clean with prune d'agen.
Cellaring:	7 – 10 years
Production:	56 cases
Price:	\$90 / 750ml

