

VARIETAL COLLECTION

Syrah Rosé

2009

Vintage:	Third
Composition:	100% Syrah
Clone:	877, 300, 470, 383
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981
Block:	Kreuze Canyon
Yield:	2.0 tons per acre
Average Vine Age:	9 years
Vintage Summary:	The 2009 vintage was marked by ideal conditions during the growing season and three rain storms during 2nd half of the harvest season. With no frost pressure, bloom and set were perfect. The growing season was blessed with moderate temperatures. There were a couple of early heat spells during the early ripening season but moderate conditions prevailed through the remainder. The white harvest season was ideal and grapes were picked with no heat stress. There were two harvests for red grapes. For example, the Merlot ripened and peaked before the cold spell. On the other hand, Syrah tested our patience as it lingered into November but we were rewarded for waiting with balanced, classic wines. The berry sizes were average with firm skins with dark, intense flavors.
Harvest Date:	October 30, 2009 to November 5, 2009
Fermentation:	Stainless steel tank
Yeast:	Wild yeast
ML:	Natural
Ageing:	None
Fining/Filtering:	None/Filtered
Bottled on:	March 3, 2010
Winemaker's Tasting Notes:	Fresh strawberries and rose petals dominate this bright nose. The nose is laced with red raspberry, lavender and hints of bubble gum. A bright raspberry attack is followed by a juicy, full mouth of red cherry, ripe plum, and blood orange, which gives way to a long finish of wild blueberries and notes of candied cinnamon.
Production:	530 cases
Price:	\$25 / 750ml

