

Syrah

2009

Vintage:	Second
Composition:	100 % Syrah
Clone:	470
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981
Block:	Kreuze Canyon
Yield:	3.0 Tons per Acre
Average Vine Age:	6 years
Vintage Summary:	The 2009 vintage was marked by ideal conditions during the growing season and three rain storms during the 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:	November 2, 2009
Fermentation:	Stainless Steel Tank
Yeast:	Natural
ML:	Natural
Wood Origin:	French Oak
Ageing:	18 months
New Oak Barrels:	75%
Fining/Filtering:	None
Bottled on:	June 22, 2011
Winemaker's Tasting Notes:	A bright nose of ripe raspberry, blueberries, violets, and black pepper with hints of bacon fat. A black cherry attack leads to a full mouth of blackberry, black plum, boysenberry, and dark chocolate. It finishes smooth and clean with notes of cocoa, blueberries and minerality.
Cellaring:	3 – 6 years
Production:	55 cases
Price:	\$65 / 750mL



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