



2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Tasting Notes: The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon shows fruit aromas of rhubarb, spiced quince and wild cherry fruits underneath delicate notes of sage, mint, eucalypt, clove and anise. The wine is silky and concentrated upon entry with intense dark berry and earth-driven flavors. Layer upon layer of fine, rich tannins continue to coat the mouth and draw the palate out to a long, lingering finish.

Ratings:

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar: 95pts

Full ruby-red. Complex noses meld cassis, licorice, tobacco, bitter chocolate, mocha, mint and cedary oak, all lifted by a violet topnote. Wonderfully suave, seemless, palate-saturating wine with a hint of wildness to its broad red and black fruit flavors. Shows a more serious tannic spine than the Red Wine but the tannins are noble and perfectly supported by the wine's depth of material and sheer fruit intensity. The very slowly building, savory finish is extremely long and subtle. This very sexy, rich wine is almost easier to taste today than the estate's Red Wine blend. A great success from this very warm growing season.

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, reviewed by Jeb Dunnuck: 95+ pts
Brilliant, with fantastic concentration and richness, the 2009 Cabernet
Sauvignon offers plenty of toast, chocolate and tobacco leaf intermixed
with dark currant and plum-styled fruit. Full-bodied, structured and
seamless, with building tannin and integrated acidity, give it a few years in
the cellar and enjoy over the following 15-20 years.