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2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Properties: Beckstoffer Dr. Crane (St. Helena), Beckstoffer Las Piedras (Napa Valley), Beckstoffer To Kalon (Oakville), Stagecoach (Napa Valley)
- Clonal Selections: 4, 337
- Sites: Various sites and exposures; various soils
- Yields: 2.9 – 4.2 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Dates: October 6 – October 23
- Harvest Brix: 25.4° – 26.0°
- Growing Season: 2009 began with an abundance of spring rain followed by mild, steady summer temperatures that set the stage for nearly ideal growing conditions. The well-set fruit ripened slowly allowing for an excellent balance of sugars and acids to develop. The resulting wines can be characterized as elegant and rich with profound depth and structure.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Fermented in closed-top stainless steel fermentors with indigenous selected yeasts
- 6-day cold soak, 29 days total maceration
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 20 months in French oak; 74% new
- Varietal Composition: 98% cabernet sauvignon, 2% petite verdot
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled June 2011

NOTES

- Displaying a black garnet hue, this sophisticated cabernet sauvignon opens up to lavender, cassis, cocoa powder, pencil shaving and damp earth. The fruit is pure and elegant, showing boysenberry and blackberry with layers of graphite, leading to a focused and polished wine. Alcohol 15.0%