

JEFF GORDON CELLARS



2009 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TASTING NOTES

Our 2009 vintage is once again 100% Cabernet Sauvignon with nothing blended. This full-bodied wine has a balanced, smooth structure that will continue to develop for years to come. It has a deep burgundy/purple color with aromas of plum, dark cherry, spice and toasty oak. This savory Cab is warm and inviting upon first sip with flavors of black cherry, clove, and cassis. The fruit nuances are supported by a long and graceful finish with some mild, yet sturdy, tannins. Simply put it is a classic Napa Cabernet.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2009 growing season was close to optimal. As winemaker Jesse Inman states, "Mother Nature worked her magic in '09, giving us ideal fruit evoking round, lush flavors. Late spring rains helped with the early summer warm spell and the temperate growing season without any heat spikes allowed the grapes to ripen evenly. This was the best scenario possible for me as a winemaker."

The moderate summer and near perfect autumn (with the exception of two worrisome October storms) gave the wines balancing acids to create a beautiful harmony with the plush tannins. The fruit was dry-farmed, which creates intense flavor and body. Bottled in July 2011, this Cab drinks wonderfully now and should develop for the next 6-9 years.

VINEYARDS

Stagecoach Vineyards, Napa Valley/Atlas Peak
Corbett Vineyards, Napa Valley/Spring Mountain

SPECIFICATIONS

Production: 124 cases
Alcohol: 14.5%
Total Acidity: .60
Ph: 3.59
Barrel Aging: 20 months
Barrel Types: 35% new French Oak,
65% mix of 2-3 year old French Oak

