



2008 Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER PHILIPPE MELKA'S TASTING NOTES

The 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon is very expressive with notes of perfume, floral, spice, mineral and blackberry that are layered beautifully together. The dry and cold spring induced small yields with small berry size and light clusters which created some amazingly concentrated wines. The very mild summer helped develop complex aromatics as well. The nose reveals intense yet refined flavors of polished flowers (violet and rose petals), cranberry and black licorice. This beautiful complex and aromatic mix is complimented by a seductive mouthfeel with loads of black fruits, fresh stones and spices seamlessly integrated with layers of expressive, refined tannins and a long, lingering finish.

For optimum enjoyment of this wine, please decant and serve at about 64 °F.

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VARIETAL AND HARVEST INFORMATION

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot
Appellation: Napa Valley (nestled in Soda Canyon just south of Stags Leap District)
Blend: 100% Roy Estate 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot
Harvested: September 17- October 1, 2008

VINIFICATION

Concrete tanks/Open top fermenters
Maceration Time: 21 days
Malolactic Fermentation: 100% barrel fermented

COOPERAGE

100% new Taransaud French oak

BARREL AGE

28 months in new French oak
No fining / No filtration

BOTTLED

April 20, 2011

FINISHED WINE

Alcohol: 14.1% TA: 6.42 g/l pH: 3.81

PRODUCTION

350 cases



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A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Rating: 93 points

Drink: 2010-2030

Source: Wine Advocate #192 (Dec. 2010)

Close in quality but perhaps not quite as exuberant and profound is the 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon (95% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Petit Verdot). It boasts an opaque purple color as well as abundant notes of charcoal, scorched earth, underbrush, licorice, black currants and blackberries. Slightly more evolved than the 2007, it is nearly that wine's equal in terms of depth, richness and overall appeal. This strong effort should drink well for two decades or more.

When I met with proprietor Shirley Roy I was saddened to learn that her husband, Charles, had passed away this year. Together they had dreamed of producing world class wines from their 17-acre vineyard in the southern part of Napa Valley known as Soda Canyon. Shirley is committed to continuing that dream, and I wish her all the best. She's in good hands given the fact that their vineyard was planted by Helen Turley and the wine is now being made by the well-known French consultant, Philippe Melka. If readers have not yet checked out the Roy offerings from this rocky, cool climate site at the base of Atlas Peak, I highly suggest they do so.