



2009 Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER PHILIPPE MELKA'S TASTING NOTES

In 2009, the mini-valley of ROY Estate produced very small yields resulting in exquisite, extremely concentrated wines. This very impressive dark ink colored wine is gorgeous from the beginning with an intense and powerful nose of licorice, Asian spices, sweet black cherry and kirsch. It evolves on the mid-palate with beautiful textured layers of black concentrated fruits and then, this seamless wine finishes with refined tannins, more dark fruits, French vanilla oak notes and a great purity that lingers on the palate. This stunning 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon is yet another example of style and purity that has become the benchmark of consistency from this special Estate.

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 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot
Harvested: October 7 -17, 2009

VINIFICATION

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

BOTTLED

March 21, 2012

FINISHED WINE

Alcohol: 14.5% TA: 5.45 g/l pH: 3.78

BARREL AGE

27 months in new French oak
No fining/No filtration

COOPERAGE

100% new Taransaud French oak

PRODUCTION

250 cases



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

Rating: 92

Drink: 2014-2022

Source: Wine Advocate #204 (Dec 2012)

Mocha, chocolate, incense and new leather all add complexity as the 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon shows off its considerable personality. A voluptuous, full-bodied wine, the 2009 covers every corner of the palate with rich, intense fruit all backed up by considerable structure. Like all of the Roy wines, the 2009 Cabernet is exceptionally polished and well put together, but also doesn't take a lot of risks.

Proprietor Shirley Roy and her consulting winemaker Philippe Melka have done a great job with these current and upcoming releases. One of the key attributes of ROY's wines is their early accessibility. The 2009s have turned out just as well as I had hoped.

- Antonio Galloni