



2009 Proprietary Red Wine

WINEMAKER PHILIPPE MELKA'S TASTING NOTES

The extreme low yields in 2009 provided ripe grapes of huge concentration in flavors and structure. This Proprietary Red reveals deep red color and the intense aromatics are terrific like perfume with fresh cassis, cherry, blueberries and a hint of pepper. It delivers purity of flavor, richness and depth with finesse. Well rounded in the mouth, it exhibits plenty of vibrancy and charms with a wonderful bouquet of violet, fresh crushed rocks, blue and black fruits and exotic spices. Lingering on your palate with a very long, beautiful finish of fruits, it shows great promises for long aging ability.

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

APRIL '12

VARIETAL AND HARVEST INFORMATION

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot
Appellation: Napa Valley (nestled in Soda Canyon just south of Stags Leap District)
Blend: 100% ROY Estate 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot
Harvested: September 21 - October 23, 2009

VINIFICATION

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

BOTTLED

April 20, 2011

FINISHED WINE

Alcohol: 14.1% TA: 5.56 g/l pH: 3.82

BARREL AGE

17 months in new French oak
No fining/No filtration

COOPERAGE

100% new Taransaud French oak

PRODUCTION

750 cases



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A Proprietary Blend Dry Table wine from Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Rating: 92

Drink: 2014-2024

Source: Wine Advocate #204 (Dec 2012)

The 2009 Proprietary Red bursts from the glass with juicy dark cherries, flowers, mint violets and tar. A super-ripe wine, the 2009 caresses the palate with gorgeous depth. This voluptuous, opulent wine has plenty of energy, not to mention considerable appeal. The 2009 is 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot and 10% Petit Verdot.

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