



CHAPPELLET

2009 SIGNATURE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER, PHILLIP CORALLO-TITUS



WINE STATISTICS

September 14 through October 12, 2009

25-28.6 ° Brix at Harvest

14.9 % Alcohol

TA-0.59 g/100 ml

pH-3.76

Bottled on July 22, 2011

Cabernet Sauvignon 76%

Malbec 11%

Petit Verdot 4%

Merlot 9%

THE WINE

The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon has been our flagship wine for more than four decades. It is a benchmark for the long-lived hillside wines of the Napa Valley; full of structure and ageing potential, yet seductively forward in its concentrated varietal character. The dry, rocky soils of Pritchard Hill produce small, intensely flavorful grapes. Crop thinning allows for full, even ripening and further elevates flavor complexity.

GROWING SEASON & HARVEST

Though rainfall was little more than two-thirds of normal for the third year in a row, the timing of the precipitation was on the vines' side, as late spring rains delayed irrigation needs. June, July and August were cool, but September was quite warm, which helped the fruit reach complete maturity. A large storm hit in mid-October, but all of our grapes were harvested before the rains. Overall, an ideal growing season on Pritchard Hill.

TASTING NOTES

The depth and complexity that mark the spectacular 2009 growing season are fully on display in this wine, with head-turning aromatics of black currant, cherry, plum and violet leaping out of the glass before revealing subtler notes of cinnamon, clove, espresso, cocoa and anise. On the palate, the tannins are large, yet velvety, supporting voluptuous layers of blackberry, Bing cherry, cassis and baking spices. Oak-inspired notes of caramelized brown sugar and molasses add additional nuance, while leading to a plush, lingering finish.