



2008 QUARRY VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The Quarry Vineyard climbs the slopes above the Silverado Trail on the east side of Rutherford. The name comes from the old quarry that was the source of a white rock used in the ghost winery that still stands beside the vineyard. Three distinct hillside blocks, each experiencing its own unique soil and exposure, are harvested from this vineyard. The white, rocky loam soils are well drained, and the vines are of moderate vigor. Cluster and berry size varies from block to block, but all are small to moderate. This vineyard has full exposure to the afternoon sun.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2008 growing season provided a variety of weather patterns that presented a few challenges, but ultimately resulted in some exciting wines. The year began with substantial rainfall, but was followed by a dry spell that actually put us behind normal precipitation levels. The longest frost season in decades followed, which lowered vineyard yields, but the remaining crop developed beautiful intensity. Very warm temperatures in mid-May gave way to a cool summer and warm September, quickly ripening the upper hillside block which was harvested on our first day of harvest, while the lower block was left hanging to further ripen the flavors and tannins.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Multiple layers of ultra-ripe fruit blend nicely with an array of earth, herb, tobacco and char. This wine has an incredible texture, which is soft, yet thick, from front to finish. The French oak adds sweetness and cigar-like qualities, while the fruit persists on velvet tannins into a long, supple finish.

APPELLATION

Rutherford, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(60% new, 40% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

September 2011

HARVEST DATES

September 11 - October 3, 2008

SKIN CONTACT

8 - 12 days

TIME

18 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2008