

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON

CADARETTA



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### THE GRAPES

The 2009 vintage began with a cool spring, but quickly accelerated in heat units during the summer, leading to a warmer-than-average September. The late heat gave a big push of ripe flavors for the Cabernet Sauvignon. Heat trailed off early in October, which allowed sugar accumulation to slow down. As a result, acids are naturally bright and alcohol levels did not exceed 14.1%. This balance of natural acid and low alcohol makes for a very fresh take on Cabernet Sauvignon, and will help give this vintage the ability to develop and age gracefully in the bottle. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

### THE WINE

Intense aromatics up front, showing red fruit flavors melded to baking spice: cardamom and clove. Ripe strawberry and black cherry tones are underlain by deeper earthy notes, and lightly tinged with citrus-evoking orange zest.

On the palate, pomegranate and black plum juices flood the entry, leading to a sensual and voluminous mouthfeel. Mineral and earthy tones fill the mid-palate, leading into a lush and fine-grained finish, framed by mocha and blackberry. Refreshingly balanced alcohol and juicy natural acidity bring length and grace to this richly-textured wine.

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION:** 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot

**GRAPE SOURCES:**

**Cabernet Sauvignon:** Heather Hill Vineyard, Alder Ridge Vineyard, Lafore Vineyard and Gamache Vineyard

**Merlot:** Alder Ridge Vineyard

**Petit Verdot:** Stone Tree Vineyard

**APPELLATION:** Columbia Valley

**VINIFICATION:** Fermented in open-top stainless steel, daily punch down during fermentation. Aged for 19 months in 100% French oak (55% new).

**TOTAL ACIDITY...pH:** 6.5 G/L...3.58

**ALCOHOL:** 14.1% by volume

**BOTTLING DATE:** September 8, 2011

**PRODUCTION:** 1,392 six packs

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