

# WOLF FAMILY VINEYARDS



## 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon

### Napa Valley

Estate Grown and Bottled

### Vineyards

The 2008 Wolf Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon was made exclusively from the estate located just south west of St. Helena against the foothills of the Mayacamas Mountains in Napa Valley. The 4.5 acre vineyard was planted in 1996 to Cabernet Sauvignon clones 337 and 7, on Schwarzman rootstock, narrowly spaced at 4' by 6'. This site is a slightly sloping area of well-drained, gravelly, clay loam soils. These vines produce a low yield without any need of crop thinning with an excellent vine balance.

### Vintage

2008 was fairly typical in terms of weather, although a little on the cool side both during the growing season and harvest. The crop size was much smaller than normal, with both smaller berries and smaller clusters. Harvest was much later than the 2007 vintage but on a fairly normal track for most vintages. All in all, harvest was uneventful...something winemakers love! The grapes were harvested on October 8 and 9. The yield from this vineyard is low and this year even more so at only 2 tons per acre.

### Winemaking

After a gentle destemming the wine was left to cold soak for 5 days, and then fermented for 11 days with native yeasts naturally present on the grapes along with a commercial yeast suited for this vineyard. The wine was pressed immediately at dryness then aged 20 months in 62% new French oak barrels and the balance in two year old French oak barrels.

### Tasting Notes

Black cherries and coffee aromas followed by forward black fruits and cassis framed by balanced yet powerful tannins and a full mid-palate. Richly extracted and with a long lush finish this is a classic Wolf Family Cabernet Sauvignon reflecting its Western St. Helena terroir. Soft, supple and balanced, the 2008 has great potential for aging

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### Statistics

Technical	14.5% alc., 27.5 Brix, 5.8g/L TA, 3.87 pH
Blend	100% Cabernet Sauvignon, Estate
Bottling	175, 750ml cases and 31, 1.5L cases, May 2010
Release Date	Fall 2011
SRP	\$85.00
Winemaker	Karen Culler
Proprietors	Jane & Doug Wolf