

WOLF FAMILY VINEYARDS



2008 Cabernet Franc, Napa Valley

Estate Grown and Bottled

Vineyards

The Cabernet Franc is grown on the Wolf Family estate located just south west of St. Helena against the foothills of the Mayacamas Range in Napa Valley. Nearly one acre, the rolling vineyard was planted in the early 1980's on sparse, rocky, volcanic soils, situated on the slope toward the back of the property. The vines produce very small, intensely flavored berries with low yields. In 2008 the yield was less than 2 tons per acre.

Vintage

The 2008 growing season was very similar to 2007 with early budbreak but with more moderate temperatures during the growing season. The temperate conditions continued during harvest and the grapes were picked under ideal conditions, at very similar timing to the 2007 harvest with the Cabernet Franc coming in on the 17th of October. The Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested on the 9th of October. The grapes were small and concentrated with an average overall yield.

Winemaking

The Cabernet Franc was inoculated with yeast after a 6 day cold soak on the skins. Both the Cabernet Franc and the Cabernet Sauvignon was pressed when dry, then aged 19 months in 60% new French oak barrels and 40% one and two year old French oak barrels. The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

Tasting Notes

Aromas of herbal, blackberry and licorice that continue onto the palate. Mid-palate is oily with soft and velvety tannins to the finish.

Statistics

Wine	14.7% alcohol, 6.0 g/L acidity, 3.80pH
Blend	95% Cabernet Franc ; 5% Cabernet Sauvignon
Bottling	94 cases bottled in May 2010
Release Date	May 2011
Winemaker	Karen Culler
Proprietors	Jane and Doug Wolf