

WOLF FAMILY VINEYARDS



2007 Phaedrus Cabernet Sauvignon St. Helena, Napa Valley

Phaedrus was an important figure in Plato's philosophical dialogue. The name is also the Greek word for wolf, an animal known for mythical strength and longevity. We were inspired by the name's esteemed and powerful significance.

Vineyard

The 2007 Phaedrus was made exclusively from estate grown fruit from the Wolf Family vineyard located just south west of St. Helena against the foothills of the Mayacamas Mountains in St. Helena. The Phaedrus Vineyard which is comprised of Malbec, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc was planted in the year 2000 in the westernmost part of the estate on a rocky bench. Each varietal inhabits only a few vine rows and never exceeds more than a ton of grapes.

Winemaking

Phaedrus was conceived as a bottling that would capture the terroir of Wolf Family Vineyards in an accessible wine for an earlier release. 2007 Phaedrus Cabernet Sauvignon is blended with 9% Cabernet Franc, 9% Malbec and 5% Petit Verdot. Hand picked and gently crushed, the must was cold soaked then fermented. After a gentle pressing the wine was aged in 25% new French oak barrels for 17 months.

Tasting Notes

The 2007 Phaedrus Cabernet Sauvignon enjoys all the benefits of the blend. Malbec offers spice and black cherry aromatics. Petite Verdot plumps the wine with a lush, juicy mid palate. Cabernet Franc is loaded with floral and fruit aromatics, along with a luscious mouthfeel. All of which are supported by the richly textured foundation of Cabernet Sauvignon. A complex yet forward wine that can be consumed now or will age well over the next 5 years.

524 cases bottled May 2009 | Estate grown: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, 9% Malbec, 5% Petite Verdot | Released April 1, 2010 | Karen Culler, Winemaker
Jane and Doug Wolf, Proprietors