

# WOLF FAMILY VINEYARDS



## 2008 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 2008 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. 2008 Phaedrus Cabernet Sauvignon is blended with 10% Cabernet Franc, 9% Malbec and 4% Petit Verdot. Hand picked and gently crushed, the must was cold soaked then fermented. After a gentle pressing the wine was aged in 30% new French oak barrels for 20 months.

### **Tasting Notes**

The 2008 Phaedrus Cabernet Sauvignon is a welcome indication of the vintage. The aromatics are confident and forward with dark berries and spice. The palate is deeply textured with hints of coffee and cardamom and a plump and juicy blackberry mid palate and a long lush finish. The 2008 will age for 5-10 years comfortably.

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530 cases bottled May 2010 | Estate grown: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 9% Malbec, 4% Petite Verdot | Released March 1, 2011 | Karen Culler, Winemaker  
Jane and Doug Wolf, Proprietors