



# 2009 CRU CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**Harvest Date**

September 10 - October 24, 2009

**Barrel Age**

18 months in French Oak, 50% new

**Cooperage**

Taransaud, "O", Demptos, Saury, Ermitage

**Blend**

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petite Verdot  
5% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec

**Bottling Date**

April 14, 2011

**Alcohol**

14.8%

**Release Date**

Fall 2011

"It's all about making the wine in the vineyard" is how Keith Emerson, Director of Winemaking at Vineyard 29, describes the philosophy behind making our Cru Cabernet Sauvignon. Everything from site selection, crop yield, and picking decisions are made with the final blend in mind. This is deliberate, detail-oriented winemaking resulting in an elegantly composed wine that depicts the best of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

From its very first moments in the glass, this beautiful, purple hued cabernet makes its presence known as a densely flavored and multi-layered wine. On the nose, primary aromas of dark, wild berries, mountain sage and dried mint give way to unveil ripe figs and juicy plum notes. A complex palate begins with rich toasty notes of roasted coffee beans and mocha before giving way to flavors of cassis, ripe raspberries, bing cherry and bright red fruit. A long, supple finish is accentuated with subtle hints of black pepper and cocoa.

We aim to achieve balanced tannins that are integrated enough to be approachable at release, but are powerful enough to give this wine many years of life. Expect our 2009 CRU Cabernet Sauvignon to age beautifully for over 10 years.

**Cases Produced:** 5844

**Retail Price:** \$54 ~ 750ml