

CORNERSTONE
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NAPA VALLEY & WILLAMETTE VALLEY
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2009 Cornerstone Cellars Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Composition: 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, Ink Grade Vineyard, Howell Mountain, Oakville Station, Oakville, Kairos Vineyard, Oak Knoll District; 5% Merlot Stewart Ranch Vineyard, Carneros

Harvest: Each of the vineyards were harvested in September and October in perfect conditions. Bottling Date: July 14th., 2011. Cases Produced: 842. Bottling Analysis: Alcohol 14.9% v/v, pH 3.74, T.A. 0.580 g/100mL

Showcasing the authentic varietal character of this incomparable Cabernet Sauvignon is an important part of the Cornerstone Cellars Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon legacy.

A winemakers wine, it is superbly crafted by blending Cabernet Sauvignon's from specially selected sites very desirable for this variety throughout the Napa Valley from Howell Mountain to the Oak Knoll District, then balanced with a little lift from our Carneros Merlot which brings a unique harmony. This popular wine is consistently noted for its incredibly rich layers of complexity and remarkable overall balance that exemplifies Cornerstone Cellars Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.



Have you heard that every year is the same here in the Napa Valley? Don't you believe it! After the drama of the 2008 vintage with its roller coaster of weather-related challenges, we enjoyed a remarkably mild, blissfully uneventful 2009 growing season. That is until "Mother Nature" tossed us a curve ball mid-October. We had the heaviest rainfall since the early 80's. This caused some concern, but for the most part, the tough-skinned, loose-clustered varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon weathered the storm. Beautiful Indian summer weather followed the rainy, humid conditions, allowing the grapes to reach optimum maturity. Presence of forward, bright fruit flavors with varietal character and phenological ripeness of the tannins was achieved without excessive ripeness. The corresponding wines have beautiful ripe fruit aromatics and flavors and are impeccably balanced with good acidity and alcohol levels.

The Cornerstone Cellars 2009 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a beautiful example of a classic Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon featuring the best characteristics of each appellation that goes into the blend. Classically deep, vibrant notes of dark cherry, black currants, graphite and a hint of cinnamon and sweet anise are offered in an array of aromatics. Immediately full and generous on the palate, this wine exhibits a beautiful texture, lifted with an enticing crispness. Balanced with a youthful broad tannin structure this wine has enough enthusiasm to offer increasingly dramatic drinking pleasures for years to come.