



2009 GENERATIONS NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL: 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALCOHOL: 15% BY VOL.

PH: 3.97

TA: 5.8 G/L

FERMENTATION: 18-20 MONTHS IN 100%
NEW FRENCH OAK

CASE PRODUCTION: 1,000 CASES

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the 2009 Generations Cabernet Sauvignon grown in some of the best vineyards and appellations in the Napa Valley. The majority come from a vineyard in St. Helena that the Raymonds helped to plant over two-decades ago. The remaining grapes were sourced from our Rutherford estate vineyard and from a vineyard in Oakville, located just south of our estate. By blending grapes from the St. Helena, Rutherford and Oakville appellations, we are able to make a wine that truly represents the best of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and honors our five generation history of making wine in the Napa Valley.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2009 growing season was mild and moderately cool overall. Low winter rainfall, few frost nights in the spring, and only a handful of summer days over 100 degrees Fahrenheit lead to even growing conditions for the vines. A potential drought situation was mitigated with late spring rains. This combined with a mild heat spike in June helped shut down the canopy, allowing the vine to focus its energy on fruit flavor intensity and development.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Generations is a tribute to the Raymond family's five generations of winemaking in the Napa Valley. This limited production wine is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon and the winery's ultimate expression of this varietal.

Grapes were fermented on the skins for 25-30 days to capture the "juicy" fruit before being moved to new, tight-grained, medium and medium plus toast French oak barrels for 18-20 months of aging before final blending. Only our best barrels from forests in Nevers, Allier and the Center of France were selected for this blend of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2009 Generations Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon offers seducing aromas of blackberry and ripe Bing cherry that evolve into notes of all spice and mocha. Black raspberries, nutmeg and plum flavors coat the palate of this complex, balanced wine and lead to a long, lingering finish. Enjoy the 2009 Generations now with a brief decant or cellar the wine for up to 10-12 years beyond the release date for added bottle complexity and flavor development.