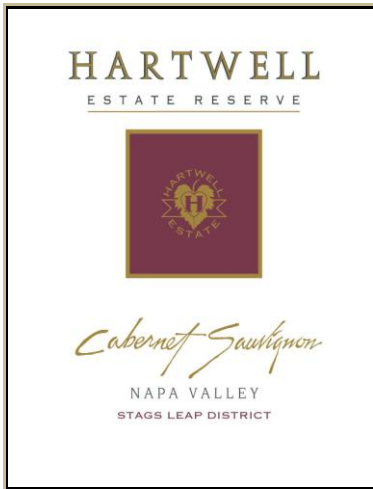


2008 HARTWELL ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON
STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY



*100% Hartwell Estate Vineyards
Stags Leap District, Napa Valley
80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot*

*Harvested September 3rd - October 16th, 2008
Aged 20 months in 100% new French oak barrels
9L Cases Produced: 635
Release Date: Fall 2011*

The 2008 vintage will be remembered for the small crop of dark and deeply concentrated fruit resulting from the climatic challenges throughout the year. Spring started the growing season with severe frost which limited the fruit set for most of Northern California. Several heat spikes followed during the summer months with drought conditions intensifying the stress on the vines and in turn yielding a smaller berry size during the fruit set. Autumn then ushered in moderate and even temperatures during harvest, ensuring that all the fruit ripened to its fullest flavor potential.

The 2008 Hartwell Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon unfurls sweet aromatics of cherry licorice, rose petal and sandalwood with subtle hints of split vanilla bean. The full bodied palate showcases precise flavors of blueberry compote, red currant, allspice and Darjeeling tea wrapped together in a structure of sweet and fine-grained tannins. Staying true to breed, the 2008 Hartwell Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon offers immediate gratification, but will gain in both depth and complexity as it evolves beautifully over the next two decades.

Benoit Touquette, Winemaker

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....Make the best wine.™*