

2009 HARTWELL ESTATE “DIVINE” CABERNET SAUVIGNON
STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY



*100% Hartwell Estate Vineyards
Stags Leap District, Napa Valley
92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot*

*Harvested September 19 – October 12, 2009
Aged 18 months in 100% new French oak barrels
9L Cases Produced: 165*

The 2009 Hartwell Estate Divine Cabernet Sauvignon is an extremely limited offering that has only been released in one previous vintage, 2001. Blended from Bob and Blanca’s personal selections of their favorite barrels, the 2009 Divine showcases all of the classic elements of both fruit and terroir that have made our Stags Leap Estate Vineyard such a treasure. This wine is only produced in vintages that both Bob and Blanca deem ‘Divine.’

The 2009 vintage will be remembered for a combination of nearly perfect climatic factors. Late spring rains and the relative lack of frost delayed any irrigation needs, and the warm days of June helped curtail excessive canopy development. The majority of days during the summer months were warm and mild with very few days reaching above 100°F. Harvest commenced in mid-September before the autumn rains while the ideal growing conditions throughout the season ensured that our crop reached full phenolic maturity along with reasonable sugar levels. The harvested grapes developed concentrated flavors and mature tannins, producing aromatic wines, loaded with both fruit and elegance.

Fermented solely in both custom built concrete and Taransaud oak tanks, the wine reveals soaring aromatics of wild blueberries, red currants and Chinese plums mingling with scents of black truffle, baker's chocolate and Keemun tea. Full-bodied and deeply concentrated the 2009 Divine will develop additional complexity over the next decade but offers immediate enjoyment when decanted for several hours.

Benoit Touquette, Winemaker

*Grow the best grapes...
....Make the best wine.™*