

2009 HARTWELL ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON
STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY



*100% Hartwell Estate Vineyards
Stags Leap District, Napa Valley
90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot*

*Harvested September 20th - October 12th, 2009
Aged 20 months in 100% new French oak barrels
9L Cases Produced: 520
Release Date: Fall 2012*

Mother nature worked her magic here on Wappo Hill and bestowed our vines with another favorable season and harvest. A lack of frost, coupled with a mild and relatively cool growing season, permitted extended hang time and allowed the fruit to ripen to full phenolic maturity with balanced sugar levels. Meanwhile, Northern California experienced above average rainfall levels for the past three years, and this vintage was no exception. Fortunately, harvest was fully complete on both our Estate vineyards before the rains arrived! Thus, a fortuitous growing season and a well-timed harvest yielded a vintage that already exhibits concentrated and complex flavors, mature tannins and aromatic complexity. Additional bottle age will only enhance the splendor of the 2009 vintage!

The 2009 Hartwell Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon displays soaring aromatics of blackberry liqueur, melted licorice, roasted coffee bean and baker's chocolate, with subtle hints of baking spices and sweet cedar. The full-bodied palate showcases luscious flavors of macerated blueberries, blackberry syrup, sarsaparilla and mocha cappuccino, defined by a structure of smooth and fine-grained tannins. As the flagship wine in our portfolio, the 2009 Hartwell Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon offers early drinkability and promises to gain in complexity as it evolves over the next two decades.

Benoit Touquette, Winemaker

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