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**2008 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
MOUNT VEEDER
NAPA VALLEY**

COMPOSITION: 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VINEYARD: 100% TAMBOR VINEYARD, MT VEEDER
HARVEST DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2008
BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.5
FINISHED PH: 3.58
FINISHED TA: 7.8 g/L
ALCOHOL: 13.9%
COOPERAGE: AGED 21 MONTHS IN 50% NEW FRENCH OAK
WINEMAKER: KAREN CULLER
PRODUCTION: 160 CASES
RELEASE DATE: FALL 2011
SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$50 PER BOTTLE

VINEYARD: THE TAMBOR VINEYARD IS LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF MT VEEDER, AND IS SITUATED ON A SOUTHERN FACING HILLSIDE OF CLAY LOAM SOILS, PLANTED IN 1992 TO THE WEIMER CLONE ON ROOTSTOCK 3309, WHICH PRODUCES SMALL CLUSTERS WITH BOTH MEDIUM AND SMALL SIZED BERRIES. THIS VINEYARD IS CANE PRUNED AND YIELDS 2 TONS PER ACRE. AT AN ELEVATION OF 600 HUNDRED FEET, IN THE COOLER MT VEEDER APPELLATION, THE AVERAGE HILLSIDE SLOPE IS 27%, THAT'S STEEP! THE UP-AND-DOWN ROW ORIENTATION ALLOWS THE VINEYARD TO RECEIVE THE COOL BREEZES COMING OFF THE BAY TO THE SOUTH IN THE EVENING WHILE MAXIMIZING THE SUN EXPOSURE AND WARMTH DURING THE DAY. THIS GIVES SLOWER RIPENING, PRESERVING THE NICE VARIETAL AND FRUIT AROMAS AND ALLOWS DEVELOPMENT OF SOFTER TANNINS.

VINTAGE: IN 2008 WINEGROWERS FACED MANY CHALLENGES WITH CRAZY WEATHER. IT BEGAN WITH INTENSE STORMS THAT BROUGHT HIGH WINDS AND HEAVY RAINS TO THE REGION, FOLLOWED BY A DRY SPRING AND LATER, COLD TEMPERATURES AND FROST THREATS, THEN IN THE SAME WEEK VINEYARDS WERE HIT WITH A MULTI-DAY HEAT SPIKE.

TASTING NOTES: THE 2008 WINES HAVE AN INTENSE CONCENTRATION AND BEAUTIFUL EXTRACT, BUT ARE ALSO ELEGANT, WITH BALANCED TANNINS. THE RENTERIA MT VEEDER FOLLOWS THIS STYLE, ALONG WITH A FULL BODY AND SILKINESS. THE AROMAS ARE FULL OF DARK FRUIT CHARACTER WITH FRESH HERBAL AND TOBACCO NOTES. THESE OLD VINES DELIVER SUPPLE TANNINS ALONG WITH COMPLEXITY AND EXCELLENT DEPTH THAT ALLOWS THE WINE TO AGE VERY WELL FOR THE NEXT DECADE OR SO.

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