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2008 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

COMPOSITION: 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VINEYARD: 69% ROWE VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY
31% STELTZNER VINEYARD, STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY
HARVEST DATE: OCTOBER 1 AND 3, 2008
BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.8 BRIX
FINISHED PH: 3.63
FINISHED TA: 6.5 g/L
ALCOHOL: 14.2%
COOPERAGE: AGED 22 MONTHS IN 37% NEW FRENCH OAK
WINEMAKER: KAREN CULLER
PRODUCTION: 600 CASES
RELEASE DATE: SUMMER 2011
SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$32 PER BOTTLE

VINEYARD: THE ROWE VINEYARD IS PLANTED ON WESTERN HILLSIDE SLOPES, CLOSE TO THE TOWN OF NAPA ON DRY CREEK ROAD. THIS HILLSIDE VINEYARD PRODUCES FRUIT WITH LOTS OF TANNINS THAT ARE BIG AND BOLD.

THE STELTZNER VINEYARD IS IN THE STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, AND WAS PLANTED IN 1996 (CLONE 7 ON 1103P ROOTSTOCK). OFTEN CALLED A VALLEY WITHIN THE NAPA VALLEY, THE STAGS LEAP DISTRICT IS INFLUENCED BY COOL EVENING BREEZES FROM THE SAN PABLO BAY AND ROCKY VOLCANIC TUFFA SOILS. COMBINED WITH THE EASTERN EXPOSURE THIS IS AN IDEAL PLACE FOR GROWING GRAPES. THE FAMILY HAS BEEN FARMING THIS LAND SINCE 1965.

VINTAGE: IN 2008 WINEGROWERS MET THE CHALLENGES OF A CRAZY WEATHER YEAR. IT BEGAN WITH INTENSE STORMS THAT BROUGHT HIGH WINDS AND HEAVY RAINS TO THE REGION. THEN SPRING WAS THE DRIEST ON RECORD, ENDING WITH 60% OF NORMAL RAINFALL. COLD TEMPERATURES AND FROST THREATS HELD ON FOR MORE THAN THREE WEEKS IN THE SPRING. THEN, WITHIN THE SAME WEEK, VINEYARDS WERE HIT WITH A MULTI-DAY HEAT SPIKE THAT BROUGHT EARLY SEASON TEMPERATURES INTO THE TRIPLE DIGITS. THIS RESULTED IN FEWER CLUSTERS WITH SMALLER BERRIES. LATER, A WEEK-LONG HEAT SPELL OVER THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY RATCHETED EVERYONE INTO HIGH GEAR. THEN, JUST AS QUICKLY AS THE HEAT ARRIVED, TEMPERATURES DROPPED TO WELL BELOW NORMAL. THE RED VARIETIES LANGUISHED ON THE VINE WITH OPTIMAL HANG TIME, EXCELLENT RIPENING AND BALANCED STRUCTURE.

TASTING NOTES: THESE TWO VINEYARDS PRODUCE WINES THAT ARE VERY DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER, BUT WORK WELL AS COMPLEMENTARY WINES IN THE BLEND. THIS WINE IS A BIG BOLD NAPA CAB. THE ROWE VINEYARD PRODUCES A MUCH FIRMER WINE WITH BIG, BOLD TANNINS. THE STAGS LEAP WINE IS A VERY PRETTY, ELEGANT WINE WITH DARK FRUIT AROMAS AND SOFT, VELVETY TANNINS, AND AN ABUNDANCE OF ACIDITY. THE RESULTING WINE HAS A RICH DEPTH OF AROMAS, BOTH FROM THE FRUIT AND BARREL AGING, WITH A LONGER MID PALATE AND A FULL BUT SOFT FINISH WITH NICE ACIDITY.

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