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## 2007 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

COMPOSITION: 96% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 4% SYRAH  
VINEYARD: 32% STELTZNER VINEYARD, STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY  
64% SHOOTING STAR VINEYARD, POPE VALLEY, NAPA VALLEY  
HARVEST DATE: OCTOBER 3 AND 5, 2007  
BRIX AT HARVEST: 27.5 BRIX  
FINISHED PH: 3.63  
FINISHED TA: 7.0 G/L  
ALCOHOL: 14.4%  
COOPERAGE: AGED 20 MONTHS IN 40% NEW FRENCH OAK  
WINEMAKER: KAREN CULLER  
PRODUCTION: 300 CASES  
RELEASE DATE: SPRING 2010

VINEYARD: 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 STELTZNER FAMILY HAS BEEN FARMING THIS LAND SINCE 1965.

THE SHOOTING STAR VINEYARD IN POPE VALLEY WAS PLANTED IN 1997 (CLONE 337 ON 3309 ROOTSTOCK) AND GROWS IN PLEASANT LOAM SOILS THAT ARE WELL DRAINED, HAVE TANNINS THAT GIVE THE WINE DEPTH AND FINESSE, AND SOFTEN THE WINE, BRINGING OUT ITS ELEGANCE, AND MAKING THE WINE DRINKABLE AT AN EARLY AGE. THE WARMER MICROCLIMATE OF THE SHOOTING STAR VINEYARD ADDS TO THE WINE'S CONCENTRATION AND EXTRACTION AND RESULTS IN A LUSCIOUS RICH CABERNET SAUVIGNON.

VINTAGE: THE 2007 VINTAGE WAS VERY SIMILAR TO 2004. BUDBREAK WAS EARLY WHEN THE SOILS WARMED QUICKLY AFTER AN EARLY END TO THE WINTER RAINS. THE VINES GREW ALL SEASON WITH A WATER DEFICIT AND THE RESULTING BERRIES WERE SMALL AND CONCENTRATED. THE STELTZNER VINEYARD IS NATURALLY WELL DRAINED DUE TO THE GRAVELLY, VOLCANIC TUFFA SOIL AND THE SHOOTING STAR'S LOAM SOILS SIT ON TOP OF A GRAVEL BED AND DRAIN WELL. THIS COUPLED WITH THE LOW RAINFALL IN 2007 PRODUCED SMALL BERRIES WITH CONCENTRATED FLAVORS, AND FULLY RIPENED TANNINS.

TASTING NOTES: THESE TWO VINEYARDS PRODUCE WINES THAT ARE VERY DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER, BUT WORK WELL AS COMPLEMENTARY WINES IN THE BLEND. THE STAGS LEAP WINE IS A VERY PRETTY, ELEGANT WINE WITH DARK FRUIT AROMAS AND SOFT, VELVETY TANNINS, AND AN ABUNDANCE OF ACIDITY. THE SHOOTING STAR VINEYARD PRODUCES A MUCH FIRMER WINE WITH BIG, BOLD TANNINS AND RASPBERRY, HERBAL AROMATICS. THE RESULTING WINES HAVE A RICH DEPTH OF AROMAS, BOTH FROM THE FRUIT AND BARREL AGING, AND A FULL BUT SOFT PALATE WITH CONCENTRATED FLAVORS.

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