

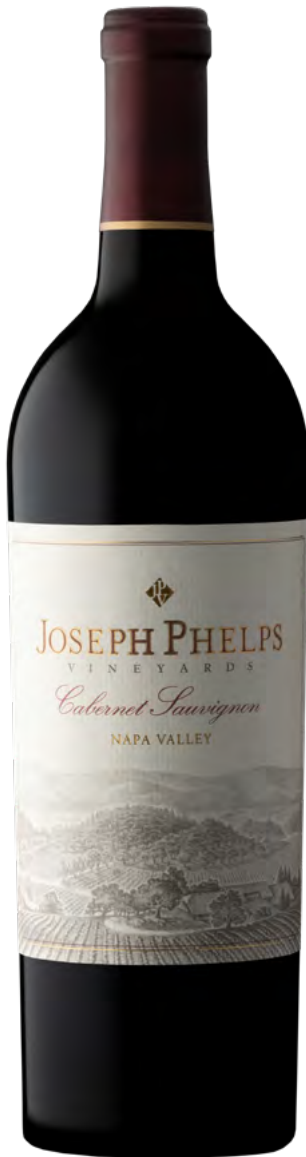
JOSEPH PHELPS

VINEYARDS

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

2009 Vintage



TASTING NOTES This is the first estate Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon bottling from Joseph Phelps. The blend contains five of our seven estate vineyards. This is a classic Cabernet Sauvignon with aromatics of blackberry, plum and black cherries intertwined with characteristics of chocolate covered espresso beans and licorice. The wine covers the palate with concentrated, balanced tannins, and a long, silky finish.

GROWING SEASON The 2009 growing season began and seemed to end, with rain. The late spring rains ended in early May to help recharge the soil moisture profile just in time for the first heat spike over 100°F in mid-May. June and July were cooler months, August recorded normal weather patterns and September was warmer than normal based on our 26 year degree-day-average. There were a total of 19 days during the growing season yielding temperatures over 100°F, most of which were in August and September. Evening temperatures during the warm patterns remained cool enough to allow for better vine recovery from each day's heat. Veraison began during the first two weeks of August and brix levels at harvest rarely exceeded 25°. However, the color and concentration combined with flavor development, were good indicators that full fruit maturity had been achieved. On October 13th, over four inches of rain fell, and cool, humid, drizzly weather persisted for a week. Once we were able to resume vineyard activity, picking concluded on October 28th.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

83% Cabernet Sauvignon
12% Merlot
5% Petit Verdot

32% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA
28% Suscol — Napa Valley AVA
25% Yountville — Oak Knoll AVA
14% Barboza — Stags Leap AVA
13% Banca Dorada — Rutherford AVA
2% Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA

BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for eighteen months in 50% new French and American oak and 50% used French and American oak barrels before bottling.