



2009 Cabernet Sauvignon, Mountain Estate Vineyard, Sonoma County

The Story: Following more than 30 years adapting farming practices to the mountain climate and terrain, we are proud to produce this wine from several Bordeaux varietal vineyard blocks yielding fruit of mature character and balance. The heart of this wine is Cabernet Sauvignon grown on steep, west facing terraces that rise above the renowned Wedding Vineyard, reaching a towering elevation of 1,400 feet. Other contiguous vineyard blocks incorporate a great diversity of soils and exposures, providing additional complexity and unmistakable mountain terroir.

Tasting Notes: Aromas of dark chocolate, current and black tea are followed by expressions of black cherry and ripe blackberry. On the palate, the ultra dark fruit notes are met with flavors expressive of the hillsides where it grows – lavender, sage, forest floor and crushed rock minerality. The texture also speaks of mountain fruit boasting dense structure and rich tannins.

~ Whitney Fisher, Winemaker

Review: Opaque violet. Intense cherry and blackcurrant aromas are complicated by smoky herb, tobacco and mineral nuances. Broad and pliant, offering open-knit dark berry preserve flavors are given bite by a gentle peppery quality. Sweet and velvety on the finish, leaving cherry and licorice notes behind. 92 Points

~ Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

Production Notes

- 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Merlot
- Harvested October 22 - 26
- De-stemmed, double sorted
- Whole-berry fermented in small open-top fermenters
- Malolactic fermentation completed in barrel
- Aged 21 months in French oak barrels (80% new)

Alcohol by Volume	14.1%
Bottle Date	July 2011
Cases (9.0L)	610