

Buehler Vineyards 2009 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Comprised of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is crafted from grapes grown on our estate hillside vineyards (30%) in conjunction with grapes from other mature, high-quality, low-yielding Napa Valley Cabernet vineyards located on the valley floor. We've found the resulting blend to produce a wine that displays a broad spectrum of aromas, flavors, and textures that Cabernet can show in the Napa Valley.

The early 2009 growing season contrasted with the previous two vintages in that we were not impacted by spring frosts. Late Spring rains were perfectly timed to supply water to the vines at the critical time when they most needed it. The crop size was as close to "average" as one could hope for and it arrived at the winery at a measured, consistent pace. This was a benevolent harvest and the ensuing wines we produced are ripe, rich, and marked by mature tannins in the case of reds.

Following a seven-day fermentation, the wine was transferred to barrels before initiating the malolactic fermentation; keeping the wine "dirty" when young greatly increases the impression of roundness and smoothness in the finished wine. The 2009 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was raked four times in the first year of aging to encourage aromatic and tannin development. It was aged a total of 18 months in a blend of French and American oak barrels.

The wine is brimming with fruit aromas and flavors biased to the black fruit end of the Cabernet spectrum: plums, blackberry, black currant. Rich and full-bodied on the palate, this Cabernet drinks well on release but will soften and develop with additional age. For those who seek youthful fresh Cabernet fruit aromas and a more structured wine, drink it from 2011 through 2015. If you prefer the less fruity, more developed bottle bouquet aromas and a softer, more velvety wine on the palate, drink it from 2016-2026.

David Cronin
Winemaker

Appellation	Napa Valley
TA	0.62 g/100 ml
pH	3.75
Alcohol	14.6% vol
Production	15,000 cases + 50 etched 3-liters

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