



RED MARE WINES

2009 . Red Mare Wines . Napa Valley . Cabernet Sauvignon

Our 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon jumps out of the glass. Cherry dominates with cassis, plum, and blackberry combining to create a full and complex fruit profile. Below the surface, vanilla, caramel, and clove are layered. Delicate aromas of oiled leather and pencil shavings deepen the wine's aromatic experience. The mouth is luscious and full but driven by a bright acidity that focuses the wine. The tannins are round and soft, leading into a lengthy, rich, and pleasing finish.

2009 Vintage Notes:

After the rollercoaster of the 2008 vintage, 2009 was a welcome respite. This vintage, although not thought of as cold, at the time, was the first of three growing seasons to come, which would be marked as the coldest in decades. A late spring resulted in delayed bud break. The continuation of low rainfall kept canopy and berry size in check, something we would be thankful for later. A cooler-than-average summer with only two heat events over 100F created a steady, near-perfect ripening environment. We were fortunate for these days in August and September because the vintage ended abruptly. In early October, we were visited by an unseasonably powerful and cold rain event. Temperatures were not to recover, and those who had harvested before the rain were happy indeed.

Production: 813 cases

TA: 5.4g/L

pH: 3.68

Alc: 14.7%

Vineyard or Appellation Breakdown:

42% Oakville

36% Rutherford

17% St. Helena

5% Spring Mountain

Red Mare Wines' Cabernet Sauvignon is known for having a core of bright red fruit, balanced acidity and silky tannins.