



HILL FAMILY
E S T A T E



2008 Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 616 cases

Composition: 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot, 2% Syrah 1% Merlot and 1% Malbec

Vineyards: Beau Terre, Baker, Hansen, Soda Canyon REI

Elevations: Valley floor and hillsides (1400 ft.)

Cooperage: 42% new Oak: 10% Remond Ailliers, 10% new Hungarian (Francois Freres), 10% Saury, 10% Radoux Appalachian, 58% neutral French

Alcohol: 14.5%, TA 0.55, pH 3.75

Release date: Summer 2011

Release price: \$48.00

Vineyard Notes:

The Beau Terre vineyard is a centerpiece for Doug Hill's accumulated viticultural knowledge. Very tight spacing with an S cordon and a lyre trellis on clone 337 are the distinctive features of this vineyard. Row direction is east west to give protection against sunburn in July and August. Baker is a rocky mild slope facing southwest, carved out of heavy chaparral.

Winemaker Alison Doran's Tasting notes:

Nose) Blackberry and plum, with a background of toasted hazelnuts.

Palate) Bright blackberry and boysenberry fruit, layered with the darker licorice of the Petit Verdot and the blueberry of the Malbec. The elegant oak adds structure to the sweet ripe fruit, focusing the flavors into a concentrated mouthful.