



HILL FAMILY
E S T A T E

2009 Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 700 cases

Composition: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Malbec, 8% Petit Verdot and 4% Merlot.

Vineyards: Beau Terre, Baker, Red Door, Soda Canyon and Hansen.

Appellations: Oak Knoll, Atlas Peak and Carneros.

Elevations: 500-1200 ft.

Cooperage: 18% new French oak (Saury, Berger, Bossuet), 4% new Hungarian oak (Trust and Francois Freres) 5% new American oak (Radoux Appalachian oak), 73% neutral French, Hungarian, and America oak

Alcohol: 14.8%, TA 0.59, pH 3.74

Release Date: Fall 2011

Release Price: \$50.00

2009 was a cool growing year, after heavy spring rains with a bad rainy spell in mid October, which is when one would prefer to have lovely weather. Happily, the high elevations such as Baker vineyard really came together with beautiful flavors and ripe tannins towards the end. Our Petit Verdot was so dense and chewy, and the Malbec was so fruity that it made blending trials very exciting. Red Door Merlot has been a favorite of ours also for the last few years, with its rich soft notes. Many intense blending sessions later, we have created this beautiful Cabernet Sauvignon that will be enjoyed for years to come.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The nose is strong and elegant, with blackberry and cedar in the front and sandalwood and cassis in the back of the aroma. This is a classic Cabernet Sauvignon palate from Napa, with a real mouthful of blackberry fruit and intense polished tannins. Very dense and young, the tight layering will unfold over time and reward those who hold it with a graceful, rich, and complex wine.