



HILL FAMILY
E S T A T E



2009 “Red Door”

Production: 178 cases

Composition: 48.8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24.4% Merlot, 22.5 % Malbec & 4.3% Petit Verdot

Vineyards: 70% Baker (Atlas Peak), 4% Soda Canyon REI (Atlas Peak), 17.5% Red Door (Carneros), 8.5% Beau Terre Vineyard (Oak Knoll)

Cooperage: 100% in new oak, 60% French oak (Remond, Seguin Moreau), 10% in new American oak (Radoux Appalachian), 30% in new Hungarian (Trust)

Alcohol: 14.8% alc, 3.72 pH, 0.57 TA

Release date: May 2013

Release price: \$85.00

The Red Door label from Hill Family Estate is blended to take advantage of the best lots that work together in the most rich and flavorful way, regardless of variety or appellation. In 2009 we had several lots that were small volume, but unusually intense, so we decided to make the Red Door blend. A Red Door signifies openness and balance in some cultures, and that idea is reflected in this wine. The Cabernet Sauvignon from Atlas Peak had huge color and extract, and was blended with Malbec for rich satiny texture. The Petit Verdot was blended for its chewy tannins and Merlot for the velvety spicy component.

Winemaker Alison Doran’s tasting notes:

Open aromas of blackberry, violets, cassis, and vanilla make this a welcoming beginning for a hedonistic wine. The palate is rich, plushy, and balanced, with big sweet blackberry fruit and a playful attitude, surrounded by ripe structured tannin for structure, and an overall intensity that calls out for a steak.