

# WATERSTONE

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## 2008 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

### Vintage

*Mother Nature provided a dramatic vintage in 2008. Due to a dry Spring, vines pushed early and fell victim to one of the longest and deepest frost periods in decades. Shortly thereafter, during bloom, temperatures soared and further damaged the potential crop, resulting in fewer clusters and smaller berries. The Summer season proved cool, but gave us a week of high temperatures around Labor Day that threw the cellar into a break-neck pace with many early-ripening varieties. The season ended with relatively cool temperatures, providing some much-needed hangtime for Cabernet Sauvignon. Overall, the vintage was marked by low yields, yet high quality; the wines are proving to be well-structured, concentrated, and elegant.*

### Vineyards

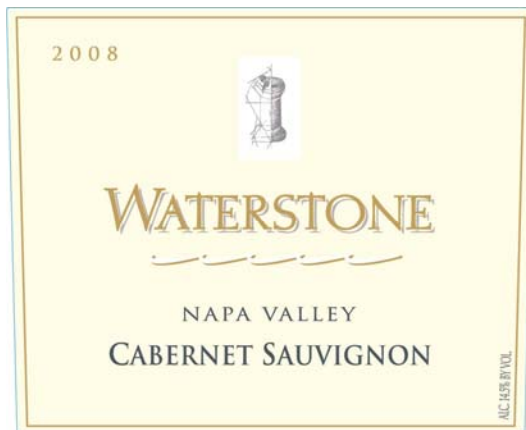
*Well-established hillside vineyards are the foundation of this wine, giving the finished blend its intense inner core of fruit. The complexity and balance of this vintage was achieved through diverse sourcing.*


### Vinification

*The grapes were hand picked at optimum ripeness. Following destemming, the grapes were stainless steel-fermented and received extended skin contact before being transferred to barrels. The wine was aged in small French oak barrels for 22 months (80% new barrels) where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked prior to bottling.*

### Tasting Notes

*With its Bordeaux-like presence, this wine is deep, rich, and lingering. Firm, integrated tannins frame the concentrated, dark fruit (currant, black cherry, wild berry, plum.) Toasty oak and an earthy edge add to the wine's great complexity.*



  
Philip Zorn, Winemaker

### Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	87% Cabernet Sauvignon 12% Merlot 1% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.7%
TA	0.61 g/100ml
pH	3.62
Oak Aging	22 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 80% new
Bottling Dates	August 16, 2011
Production	3,158 cases