

WATERSTONE

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2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Vintage

2009 proved to be a mild, relatively cool growing season. Without much frost nor many heat spikes, the lack of rain (2/3 of normal for the third consecutive year) did not present any challenges. Overall, the vintage provided extended hang time for the grapes without excessive ripeness, leading to forward, bright fruit with mature flavors and tannins.

Vineyards

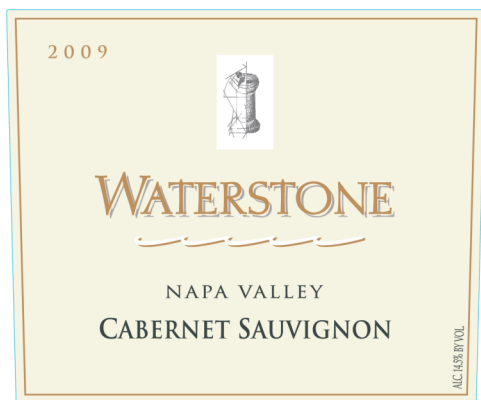
Well-established hillside vineyards are the foundation of this wine, giving the finished blend its intense inner core of fruit. The complexity and balance of this vintage was achieved through diverse sourcing.


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 24 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	84% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Cabernet Franc 3% Merlot 2% Petit Verdot 1% Malbec
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.5%
TA	0.62 g/100ml
pH	3.70
Oak Aging	24 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 80% new
Bottling Dates	February 23,24,27,28,29, 2012
Production	6,354 cases