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2009 STUDY IN BLUE RED WINE, 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 Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot grapes were sourced from hillsides of Oakville, Rutherford and Spring Mountain District. Merlot and the Syrah were drawn from Truchard Vineyards in northern Carneros.


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 36 months (80% new barrels) where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

With its blue hues and pronounced blueberry aromas, this distinct blend (64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Syrah, 2% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc) is a study in blue. Bordeaux varieties provide the framework, while Syrah transports the blend to a realm all its own. It's simply, Kind of Blue.




Philip Zorn, Winemaker

Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	64% Cabernet Sauvignon 32% Syrah 2% Merlot 1% Petit Verdot 1% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.9%
TA	0.62 g/100ml
pH	3.88
Oak Aging	36 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 80% new
Bottling Dates	January 24, 2013
Production	509 cases