



2007 Barrouge *Napa Valley*



The 2007 Barrouge has a wonderful black sour cherry element with hints of sweet vanilla and cocoa. The palate is loaded with dark fruits such as black currants and hints of plum. The wine finishes with soft elegant tannins and touches of roasted almonds derived from the French oak.

The 2007 Barrouge is our third vintage of the “new Barrouge” which includes not only the Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, but also the Cabernet Franc and Petite Verdot. Now that the blend is pretty well settled, we are changing the label slightly, to reflect that this is classified Cabernet Sauvignon (containing 75 %) of that varietal. No longer is this a generic red wine. We hope you enjoy this wonderful wine as much as we do...every year it seems to grow in flavor.

The 2007 summer growing season was mild to cool, with few days topping 100 degrees, even in the warmest locations in the appellation. There were also notably fewer days in the 90s, and harvest followed a traditional, even relaxed, pace. There was a brief period of heat that spiked around Labor Day, with temperatures reaching into the 100's and humidity in the teens. This heat spike added to the boost of sugar development that we were looking for to complement the excellent flavors that were developing.

AWARDS AND RATINGS:

Robert Parker 90Points~ The 2007 Barrouge is composed of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, and 10% Petit Verdot. A softer wine, it reveals chocolate, black cherries, and black currants, a lush texture, elegance with substance, and a nicely textured finish. It should drink well for 7-10 years.

VINTAGE STATISTICS:

BLEND	<i>75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petite Verdot</i>
HARVEST DATE	<i>October 1st - October 14th, 2007</i>
BOTTLING	<i>June, 2009</i>
AGING	<i>20 months in French Oak</i>
ALCOHOL	<i>14.8% Unfiltered</i>
PRODUCTION	<i>371 cases</i>
RELEASE DATE	<i>May, 2010</i>