



2009 Barrouge

Napa Valley

The 2009 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.

Mother Nature was once again a super-hero in 2009, providing winemakers lush, beautiful grapes for great wine. Though rainfall was little more than two-thirds of normal for the third year in a row, the timing of the precipitation was on the vine's side. Couple that with the lack of frost and the mild, relatively cool growing season, Mother Nature managed to have it all work in unison to give vines and grapes the best scenario possible. The 2009 vintage in America's most renowned wine growing region is producing outstanding fruit that looks and tastes to be a spectacular vintage. Initial reports all the way around are finding vintners and growers delighted with 2009s. Winemakers are unanimous in their tasting of exceptionally bright flavors across all varieties this year. Neither the grapes nor the vines experienced any stress, no raising, no sunburn, just great hang time, producing balanced sugars and acids.

AWARDS AND RATINGS:

90 Points Wine Advocate: Barlow's 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Barrouge flows from the glass with notable silkiness and depth. Raspberry jam, super-ripe red fruit, sweet spices and tobacco all meld together in this supple, engaging wine. The best qualities of the 2009 vintage come through in spades. The 2009 is 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 8% Petite Verdot and 4% Cabernet Franc. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2017

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VINTAGE STATISTICS:

BLEND	77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 8% Petite Verdot
HARVEST DATE	October 1st - October 14th, 2009
BOTTLING	August 2011
AGING	22 months in French Oak
ALCOHOL	14.9% Unfiltered
PRODUCTION	389 cases
RELEASE DATE	March, 2012