



2009 Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley

The 2009 Barlow Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is incredibly smooth with velvety tannins, a round palate and intense aromas of black cassis and violets. This highly complex wine boasts a beautiful array of flavors including black plums and wild berries, with licorice and vanilla layered between hints of nutmeg. The melted tannins provide the structure and elegance for a smooth round finish.

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 raisining, no sunburn, just great hang time, producing balanced sugars and acids.

AWARDS AND RATINGS:

92 Points Wine Advocate: The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon has a little more depth, power and richness than the Barrouge. Endowed with a serious core of intense fruit, good length and terrific overall balance, the 2009 continues to open up in the glass, showing its considerable power, depth and grace. Dark red fruit, smoke, tobacco and scorched earth add an element of gravitas on the finish. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024

VINTAGE STATISTICS:

BLEND	<i>100% Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
HARVEST DATE	<i>October, 2009</i>
BOTTLING	<i>August, 2011</i>
AGING	<i>21 months in French Oak</i>
ALCOHOL	<i>14.9% Unfiltered</i>
PRODUCTION	<i>619 cases</i>
RELEASE DATE	<i>October, 2012</i>