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**2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
STAGS LEAP DISTRICT  
NAPA VALLEY**

COMPOSITION: 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
VINEYARD: 100% STELTZNER VINEYARD, STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY  
HARVEST DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2009  
BRIX AT HARVEST: 26.8  
FINISHED PH: 3.2  
FINISHED TA: 7.67 g/L  
ALCOHOL: 14.4%  
COOPERAGE: AGED 20 MONTHS IN 62% NEW FRENCH OAK  
WINEMAKER: KAREN CULLER  
PRODUCTION: 210 CASES  
RELEASE DATE: SPRING 2013  
SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$60 PER BOTTLE

**VINEYARD:** THE STELTZNER VINEYARD IS IN THE STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, AND WAS PLANTED IN 1996 (CLONE 7 ON 1103P ROOTSTOCK). OFTEN CALLED A VALLEY WITHIN THE NAPA VALLEY, THE STAGS LEAP DISTRICT IS INFLUENCED BY COOL EVENING BREEZES FROM THE SAN PABLO BAY AND ROCKY VOLCANIC TUFFA SOILS. COMBINED WITH THE EASTERN EXPOSURE THIS IS AN IDEAL PLACE FOR GROWING GRAPES. THE FAMILY HAS BEEN FARMING THIS LAND SINCE 1965. BLOCK 110R IS A NEWER BLOCK WITH WIDE SPACING WHICH DEVELOPS CONCENTRATED FRUIT BASED ON SCARCITY OF WATER AND LIGHT IRRIGATION.

**VINTAGE:** IN 2009 MOTHER NATURE MANAGED TO HAVE IT ALL WORK IN UNISON TO GIVE VINES AND GRAPES THE BEST SCENARIO POSSIBLE. COMPARE THE NEARLY THIRTY DAYS OF INTENSE FROST FROM SPRING 2008 TO THE FEWER THAN FIVE FROST INCIDENTS IN 2009, THE START TO THE VINTAGE WAS MUCH LESS EVENTFUL FOR GROWERS NOT WORRYING ABOUT THE THREAT OF FROST—OR THE LACK OF WATER TO COMBAT IT IF IT CAME. LATE SPRING RAINS DELAYED IRRIGATION NEEDS AND THE WARM SPELL IN JUNE HELPED CURTAIL EXCESSIVE CANOPY DEVELOPMENT. THE 2009 GROWING SEASON COUNTED PERHAPS ONLY FOUR OR FIVE DAYS OF 100°F PLUS TEMPERATURES (TYPICALLY 14 DAYS), AGAIN HELPING TO REDUCE DEMAND FOR WATER WHEN THE RESOURCE WAS RELATIVELY SCARCE. 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; VINTAGE 2009 SHAPED UP TO BE ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL VINTAGE IN THE NAPA VALLEY.

**TASTING NOTES:** THIS WINE IS CLASSIC STAGS LEAP WITH A PRONOUNCED NATURAL ACIDITY AND SOFT TANNINS, ALLOWING FOR AGING. IT HAS A PRETTY PALATE THAT IS PLUSH, FORWARD, AND IMMEDIATELY APPROACHABLE WHILE BALANCED BY SMOOTH TANNINS. THIS WINE HIGHLIGHTS THE CHARACTERISTIC STAGS LEAP FLAVORS OF DARK STONE FRUITS AND BERRIES WITH OVERTONES OF CURRANTS. AGING 10-15 YEARS.

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