

# DUCKHORN VINEYARDS

## 2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### TASTING NOTES

VERY DARK RUBY COLOR; MOCHA, ROAST COFFEE NOSE; TIGHT, MOCHA, ROAST COFFEE, TART BLACK CURRANT PALATE WITH GOOD ACIDITY; NEEDS 2-3 YEARS; MEDIUM-PLUS FINISH.

### Winemaker Notes

Though still in its youth, this is a wonderfully aromatic and fragrant wine, with vibrant, lifted aromas of spearmint, blackcurrant, violets, graham cracker crumbs and loganberry. On the palate blackberry and blueberry flavors mingle with cocoa and cola notes. Though the tannins impart a touch of youthful dryness, decanting reveals this wine's classic Cabernet character, with a lovely structure, generous mouth-filling flavors and a long, satisfying finish.

### Production Notes

Varietal Content 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc Cooperage 100% French oak chateau-style barrels (60 gallons) Age of Barrels: 40% New, 60% Second Vintage. From our first Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc blocks to our final red-varietal Estate picks, our 2009 harvest spanned more than two months. Though the 2009 growing season presented certain challenges—from early shatter to late-season rain—a thoughtful response in the vineyards yielded smaller-than-normal crops of high-quality fruit. This response included aggressive leafing, an early thinning protocol and a heavy field sort to select only the most desirable grapes.



### COMPOSITIONS

85% CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
12% MERLOT  
3% CABERNET FRANC COOPERAGE

### ALCOHOL

14.2%

### OTHER NOTES

HARVEST OCT 8 - NOV 5, 2009  
RELEASE DAY MAY 2011

### BOTTLE SIZE

1.5L MAGNUM

