

VARIETAL COLLECTION

*Merlot*

2007

Vintage:	First
Composition:	100% Merlot
Clone:	181
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Block:	12
Yield:	2.0 Tons per Acre
Average Vine Age:	23 years
Vintage Summary:	The 2007 Vintage was marked by a perfect growing season and challenging conditions during ripening season. An ideal bloom was followed by an ideal set. The ripening season started with a heat spell then the weather turned cold delaying maturity. Several rains challenged picking decisions. The vintage turned out to be very late but the fruit that made it through the weather was fantastic. Medium berry sizes with good flavor and thick skins came in with a normal yield.
Harvest Date:	October 27, 2007
Fermentation:	59-Gal Barrel Fermented (100% New French Oak)
Yeast:	Natural
ML:	Vinoflora Oenos
Wood Origin:	Troncais, Loiret
Ageing:	18 months in barrel
New Oak Barrels:	60% New, 40% Once filled
Fining/ Filtering:	None
Bottled on:	April 2, 2009
Winemaker's Tasting Notes:	Cherry, chocolate covered raspberries, fresh coffee grounds, salt cured black olives, and garrigue define this exotic nose. Woven in are notes of fresh mint, plum, and pine needles. A burst of bing cherry dominates the attack. A full mouth of raspberry, ripe strawberry, anise, and mineral is centered on refreshing acidity and approachable tannins. The haunting finish of dark chocolate and plum with hints of orange zest linger.
Cellaring:	4 – 7 years
Production:	49 cases
Price:	\$65 / 750ml

