

AVALON

NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINTAGE 2009

Napa Valley includes many sub-appellations that contribute unique flavors to our 2009 wine. Every year we source from over 50 vineyards to blend our Napa Valley Cabernet. Each region in the valley contributes a berry flavor or structure that when blended tastes unlike any other valley in the world. This year our main components include Rutherford, Atlas Peak, Pope Valley and Howell Mountain.

In 2009 Napa Valley experienced another dry winter and spring. Annual rainfall was only 65 percent of normal. Spring provided only five frost days compared to over 30 days in 2008. The growing season remained relatively cool with little sunburn or raisining. Flavors developed to ripe fruit levels with balanced sugars and acids.

Harvest started early in the morning so the grapes arrived cool in temperature. After a gentle breaking of the skins, the grapes were fermented in stainless steel for approximately two weeks and then gently pressed. The wine aged for over 16 months in French and American oak before bottling.

The deep garnet color is the first indication of the wine's depth. Our 2009 wine exhibits aromas of raspberry, boysenberry, mint and ripecherries. Vanilla, nutmeg and allspice notes from oak aging bring balance and frame the ripe berry flavors. Oak aging additionally adds breadth and weight on the palate. The wine drinks smooth and supple with rich fruit characteristics. Napa Valley shows through with red raspberries and quintessential Oakville dark cherries. Supple, elegant and richly flavored in dark berries with a subtle note of oak; a classic Napa Valley wine.

Drink our 2009 Avalon Napa Valley Cabernet now or age it for the next few years and enjoy it as it continues to develop in the bottle.



Composition: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon
23% Merlot

Stats: Alc. 13.8%, ph 3.77, TA 5.4