



NORD ESTATE WINES

2008

Napa Valley

Red Wine Cuvee

Overheard around the Nord dining room table..."I think the reason we keep getting invited to all these dinner parties is that we always bring our Red Wine Cuvee."

Harvest Report

A combination of spring frosts and early June rainfall during bloom resulted in fewer berries in the clusters. The light crop is good news for the wine lover, as fewer berries mean greater concentration of flavors. Gentle summer conditions ensured a disease-free crop. Mild and dry harvest conditions allowed perfectly balanced ripening of the red varieties.

Vineyard

Trio B Vineyards, just south of the quiet town of Yountville, sits in the very heart of the Napa Valley. Just at the foot of the Mayacamas Range, the vineyard features clay loam soils resting above alluvial gravels that keep the soil well drained. The climate is moderate, enjoying both morning fog and warm, sunny summer afternoons.

Vineyard Data

Location.....Yountville AVA
Elevation.....85'
Vineyard age...planted 2001
Soil type.....clay loam
Clone.....CF(332), CS(337), PV(02)
Rootstock.....110R, 140R
Spacing.....7 x5
Trellis.....vertical
Orientation.....153° (NW-SE)

Tasting Notes

Our Red Wine Cuvee features a dark red color and generous aromas of dense, dark cherry with cassis, wood, and earth. Ripe fruit flavors mingle with hints of dark chocolate and baking spices. Complex and balanced, this wine is very complimentary to good food.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand harvested in the cool morning hours. The wine was crafted in small, carefully nurtured fermentations. Punch downs were made by hand three times daily. A gentle drain and press avoided extraction of harsh components. A mix of new and old oak give medium tannins and a complete mouth feel. Wines were topped monthly and racked every 6 months. Bottle aging allowed complete harmonization of the wine's character.

Wine Data

Harvested.....10/29/2008
Harvest Brix.....25.8
Alcohol.....15.3%
Total Acidity.....0.65%
pH.....3.73
Barrels.....15% new French, 20 months
Bottling Date.....8/9/2010
Production.....126 cases
Composition.....51% Cabernet Franc,
34% Cabernet Sauvignon,
15% Petite Verdot

Nord Vineyards: Sustaining Napa Valley's legacy of world-class wine.

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