



2009 NAPANOOK

Napanook is made from grapes grown at the historic Napanook Vineyard in Yountville, Napa Valley. The wine is blended from blocks in the vineyard that were carefully selected for their lively fruit, soft tannins and early maturing characteristics.

The 2009 vintage is vibrant and complex, filled with notes of plum, black cherry and earthy tobacco. Pure and precise on the palate, aromas of chocolate and lightly toasted almond complement firm tannins throughout the long finish.

The 2009 vintage is composed of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, and 8% Petit Verdot.

This wine is created to be consumed young, and enjoyed with food, but will also age well for more than a decade. Christian Moueix recommends decanting young wines before serving to allow them to reach their full potential.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

2009 was an ideal season. Plentiful rainfall in February and May abated winter drought concerns, and a mild spring with few temperature fluctuations contributed to even bud break and healthy bloom. Summer temperatures were consistently warm, without excessive heat spikes, and a long Indian summer allowed the berries to develop perfect complexity and ripeness. Harvest was an intense effort, beginning on October 5th and was completed on October 12th, just before the heavy rainfall on October 13th.

BEGINNING DATE OF HARVEST:	October 5
FINAL DATE OF HARVEST:	October 12
PERCENTAGE OF NEW BARRELS:	20%
BOTTLING DATE:	June 2011
9-LITER CASES PRODUCED:	3700
RELEASE DATE:	May 2012