

2008 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

WINEMAKER'S: Reed Renaudin & Gina Richmond

REGION: Napa Valley

VARIETALS: 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc

THE FACTS

Founded on a MBA business plan, X Winery is a unique organization of passion-driven wine professionals hell-bent on producing great wines at a great price! We're not the only ones who think so...

"The most obvious question with respect to X Winery and proprietor Reed Renaudin is how can these wines be this good at these prices? Everyone is looking for good values today, and here are some exceptional bargains."

- Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate

TASTING NOTES:

Dark cherry, a bit of menthol and the floral qualities of the Cabernet Franc are expressed in the nose. Dark fruit characteristics follow through on the palate along with a great structure that will allow this wine to age for years to come. It also drinks well now with well balanced acidity and tannin that makes it a great food wine.

VINTAGE/VINEYARD NOTES:

The 2008 vintage proved to be one of the most dramatic. Despite a severe April frost and low tonnage, quality and flavor development were high. More concentration on flavors can be detected in both reds and whites.

Nestled in the heart of the Napa Valley, just north of St. Helena, sits a premium block of Bordeaux vineyards. The Roach family, investors in X, have owned this property since 2000. Throughout the years, X has worked hand in hand with the vineyard management team overseeing this 7 acre property.

Made up of 4 blocks: (1) 6 year old clone 7 Cabernet, (2) 43 year old Cabernet Sauvignon (dry farmed) and head trained), (3) 'House Block' Petit Verdot (1 meter by 1 meter spacing), and (4) 'Old Block' Petit Verdot. Almost all of this premium fruit is used in X's Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

For The Wine Geek In All Of Us: TECHNICAL NOTES

ALC: 14.5%

pH: 3.70

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <1 g/L

MATURATION:

20 months, 35% new French,
14% new American & 51% neutral

TITRATABLE ACIDITY: 6.2 g/L

REVIEWS:

"...nicely dry, and offering a rich mouthful of blackberries, black currants and cola. Best now and for a few years." Steve Heimoff, April 2011



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