



Truchard Vineyards

2008 Cabernet Sauvignon



Vintage: 2008 was a challenging vintage that produced wonderful wines. Freezing temperatures in early spring reduced yields by nearly 30%. Moderate temperatures throughout summer and fall easily brought the lighter crop to full maturity. The wines of 2008 have beautiful aromas, intense flavors, and great acidity.

Vineyard: The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 380 acres of hills and valleys which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, limestone, volcanic ash and rock. The combination of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures, provides ideal conditions for wine-growing. Cabernet Sauvignon is planted in several different sites - on steep, southwestern facing hillsides. The vines range from 12 - 34 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot are blended in to provide additional softness, structure, and complexity.

Harvest: Oct. 1 - 20 • 24.5 °Brix • 3.53 pH • 6.6 g/L TA

Winemaking: All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Fermentations were pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. Maceration time varied from 14 to 30 days depending on vineyard block. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak barrels (45% new). Rackings occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2010. The final blend is 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, and 1% Petit Verdot. This wine is drinkable upon release, but will gracefully age for the next 10 - 15 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.2% alcohol • 3.61 pH • 5.9 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: Rich aromas of black cherry, raspberry, and cassis; with a hint of cedar and vanilla. The mouth is filled with flavors of ripe plum, red currants, and berry jam. Velvety tannins fill the palate and provide a lengthy finish of spice and red fruit.

Release Date: October 1, 2011

Production: 2700 cases