



CLUB 70
4th Quarter 2012 - December

O'Shaughnessy 2009 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon Retail - \$ 89

Each year the O'Shaughnessy Cabernet's are among our favorites here in the Shop. This 09 was just stunning and I wanted you to be able to acquire some. This is a very rare wine and we won't have any extra to sell you, but that was the purpose of Club 70 . . . get you the best! This wine scored a 94+ in Robert Parkers Wine Advocate "The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain is all minerals, graphite and pure Howell Mountain. Layers of dark red fruit come to life in this articulate, pedigreed Cabernet Sauvignon. The 09 needs another few years in the bottle, but it is already quite striking, especially with some time in the glass. Saline notes frame the long finish. Anticipated maturity is 2017 – 2029."

Spend a long night with this one. Decant, wait & watch this one evolve . . . Enjoy!

Joseph George 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Retail - \$ 59
Mount Veeder – Napa Valley

I said I wouldn't do it. I wasn't going to put the Joseph George name on a bottle unless we grew the grapes and had the wine made to my specifications . . . then I discovered this wine. Randle Johnson is the winemaker for Hess Collection and I have loved his wines for decades. Randle sent me a sample of this wine and I spent an evening with it. I decanted it, tried it with dinner, drank it after dinner and throughout the evening and simply fell in love with it.

We have never had a bottle of wine with our name on it with this pedigree.
Blend of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon; 3% Malbec; 7% Petit Verdot. 100% French Oak, 30% new, 70% once filled.

Tasting Notes: This is a medium to dark ruby red wine with black fruit aromas of licorice, cassis and cherry with nuances of clove, cinnamon & nutmeg. Flavors are similar with black berries and allspice. The mid-palate is full and coating with high texture. Nuances of oak can be found in the finish, with it's additional bottle aging time before release. Delicious right now yet can age 5 – 7 years.

Bert