

## 2007 Bacio Divino

*An Artful Cabernet Sauvignon Blend incorporating 'wee bits' of, Sangiovese, Syrah and Merlot...*

### **Barrel Regime**

22 months in new French Oak Barrels

### **Bottle Ageing**

10 months in cellar prior to release. It is our intent to release Bacio Divino when all distinctive components of the wine have reached an elegant 'completeness'.

### **Vineyard Sources**

Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced primarily from the acclaimed 'Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard', our estate-grown 'Cloudy's Vineyard' (mountain fruit), 'Georges III Vineyard' (Rutherford dust). We utilize fruit from over 18 vineyards in the Napa Valley, some of which provide the other essentials in our unique blend.

### **Proprietors**

Claus and Diane Janzen

### **Consulting Winemakers**

Kirk Venge

### **Tasting Notes**

Bacio Divino shows a bright dark ruby color when poured, releasing aromas of blackberry and current (cassis) fruit, with nuances of sweet vanilla. The palate is rich, yet elegant, and mildly fruit-forward. Yet tannins, acid, oak and fruit are finely balanced in this wine. Bacio Divino is as individual as its name – 'divine kiss'. We believe you will enjoy this vintage over the next decade or two.

### **Reviews**

***Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, December, 2009.***

*Perhaps the finest example I have ever tasted of the flagship offering, the 2007 Bacio Divino (Cabernet Sauvignon and small quantities of Sangiovese, Petite Sirah, and Merlot) boasts copious aromas of sweet creme de cassis fruit intermixed with wild strawberries, spice box, loamy soil, pepper, and roasted herbs. In the mouth, the wine reveals pure, rich, opulent fruit, medium to full body, no hard edges, and a luscious, fleshy style that is difficult to resist. It should age easily for 5-10 years, but it is already irresistible. Interesting wines are produced by longtime winemaker, Claus Janzen. . Rated '94, Outstanding...*

***Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, April, 2010.***

*4% Sangiovese; 3% Syrah; 1% Merlot. Interesting for its mix of sweet berries and currants along with hints of green olives and a slight tangy twist, this full-bodied bottling is very nicely balanced overall even if a bit fleshy at the front of the palate. Like its mate bottled under Janzen (see below), this wine has an outgoing and easily tasted personality yet boasts sufficient underlying structure to reward cellar aging. Rated 91, 2 puffs (out of 3), Outstanding...*

*Connoisseurs Guide 'Featured Choice' from 100+ Cabernet Sauvignons reviewed...*

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