

## 2008 BACIO DIVINO... An artful Cabernet Sauvignon blend

**Varietal Content:** 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Syrah, 1% Sangiovese

**Barrel Regime:**

22 months in new French oak barrels, primarily Taransaud. This is followed by 10 month bottle aging in cellar. Bacio Divino is released only when all of the distinctive components have reached an elegant 'completeness'.

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Vineyard Sources:**

The Cabernet Sauvignon is chosen primarily from the acclaimed Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard, Georges III Vineyard (Rutherford dust), the Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper Vineyard (Oakville AVA) and our estate-grown Cloudy's Vineyard (mountain fruit). The Syrah comes from the Caldwell Vineyard (Coombsville).

**Tasting Notes:**

Elements of black cherries, sweet oak, fresh herbs and earthy spices are combined in the aromas of this elegantly balanced Cabernet. The palate offers a focused, deep and refined character with notes of ripe cherries, leather and hints of cedar. It is fairly supple on entry with fine-grained tannins showing on the latter-palate. This wine will show best in four or five years, but does not need protracted aging.

**Reviews:**

***The Wine Advocate December 2010 - 92 - Outstanding***

*The 2008 Bacio Divino Proprietary Red, which is dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon in addition to small quantities of Sangiovese and Syrah, plays it closer to the vest than the exuberant, full-throttle 2007 did last year. Notes of high-class cigar tobacco, Christmas fruitcake, black cherry and black currant notes intermixed with spice box and earth jump from the glass of this medium to full-bodied yet still lightly tannic wine. It has excellent density and relatively sweet tannins but needs good aeration before its personality emerges. Robert Parker*

***The Wine Advocate December 2011- 91- Outstanding***

*The 2008 Bacio Divino is a gorgeous, focused wine. Dark red fruit, flowers, mint and spices are some of the notes that flesh out in this expressive, well-delineated red. This is a beautiful wine for the year. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2016. Antonio Galloni*

***Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar May/June 2011 - 90 - Outstanding***

*Pungent aromas and flavors of black cherry, saffras, licorice pastille and flowers. Velvety-rich and a bit heavily extracted but lively and not at all dry, with hints of cedar and herbs lending complexity to the mid-palate. Finishes with big, broad but even tannins and a strong element of chocolatey torrefaction.*

**Consulting Winemaker and Viticulturalist:** Kirk Venge

**Proprietors:** The Janzen Family

**Total Production:** 716 cases

**Release Date:** Spring 2011

**Website Retail Price:** \$80.00

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