



2008 Janzen Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Varietal Content:

97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Syrah

Barrel regime:

21 months in French oak

Alcohol: 14.5%

Vineyard Sources:

We select our prime cabernet lots for this cuvée. For structure and classic Bench character we blended Cabernet from the famed Vineyard Georges III in Rutherford, with Beckstoffer To Kalon fruit heralded for its finesse and depth. We added a sizeable measure of Cabernet from our estate vineyards in the eastern hills of the Valley to contribute higher tones and a more masterful character.

Tasting Notes:

Janzen Napa Valley Cabernet offers a complex balance between blackberry fruit and earthier notes of tobacco and sage. We have created a softly generous, voluptuous style with flavors of cherry jam, cassis and chocolate wrapped in smooth, intricate tannins.

Reviews:

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine April 2011 Rating: 90 One Puff

Solidly and convincingly Cabernet with its black cherry, lightly herbal, black soils, curranty aromas, this big, nicely filled effort has a bit of a fleshy feel at entry and rushes from its supple beginnings on the palate to somewhat chewy tannins as it finishes. It will make fine drinking now with sturdy roasts and is expected to find greater refinement with bottle age of some four to six years.

The Wine Advocate, Dec 2010 Rating: 90-92

The 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa is cut from the same mold, perhaps slightly less complex aromatically, but then, it is a year younger. It exhibits similarly sweet black currant fruit intermixed with licorice, camphor, roasted herbs, and underbrush. Also full-bodied, round and generous, it should drink well for 10-12 years.

Consulting Winemaker and Viticulturalist: Kirk Venge

Proprietors: Claus and Diane Janzen

Total Production: 875 cases

Release date: Fall 2011

Website Retail Price: \$50

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