

2009 BACIO DIVINO... Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

This bottling of Bacio Divino is a blend of incredible vineyards worthy of a reserve designation. Sources framing this wine are of the highest pedigree beginning with our own *Cloudy's Vineyard* blended with near equal parts of Andy Beckstoffer's famed *To Kalon*, *Georges III* and *Missouri Hopper Vineyards*. It is an all-star lineup without compromise.

At the outset, the color of this wine instantly grabs you. It has a wonderful, dark hue with a full expression of ripe black fruit, raspberry and even bright strawberry all melded into one. The nose is wonderfully lifted in the front with an envelope of rhubarb, cola and a touch of French oak vanillin. Moments into the glass, there are deeper, terroir-driven aromas of dust, cocoa and hints of flint. The palate explodes with savory flavors of dried currant, plum and blackberry. The Bacio's finish stretches with many fine tannins driving from the center right through the end. This is a tour de force that seemingly, and enjoyably, changes with every sip. Cellared correctly, I believe this wine will survive 14 to 18 years or longer.

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wines August 2012 **Rating: 90 One Star**

Sporting an interesting and very rich mix of sweet oak, roasted herbs, a bit of milk chocolate and lots of ripe cherries in its very outgoing aromas, this nicely balanced, moderately-full-bodied offering follows up with deep and similarly complex flavors. It is bright and balanced with a trim spine of tannin, and it will age gracefully for six to ten years.

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

Pungent aromas and flavors of black cherry, sassafras, 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.

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

The 2009 Bacio Divino shows a bit more freshness and silkiness than the 2008. Dark red berries, flowers, licorice and sweet spices flow gracefully in this soft, accessible red. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2019.

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

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).

Harvested between October 10 and 12th with an average degree Brix of 27.2

27 months in new French oak barrels, primarily Taransaud.

Bottled unfiltered and unfinned on February 22nd, 2012

Alcohol: 14.6 %

pH: 3.81

Total Acidity: .65g/100ml

Consulting Winemaker and Viticulturalist: Kirk Venge

Proprietors: The Janzen Family

Total Production: 716 cases

Release Date: Spring 2012

Website Retail Price: \$100.00

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