



2009 Janzen Cloudy's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

I love working with mountain Cabernet. As is typical with each vineyard in Napa Valley, no two vineyards are the same. It seems in mountain vineyards, no two vines are the same. The *Cloudy's Vineyard* soil type and exposure change from top to bottom of every row and from side to side within the vineyard block as well.

Purity of fruit is everywhere in this wine. There are sensations of blueberry, sweet oak and a touch of embers on the nose. The palate is bold with more bright blue fruit, black cherry finesse and structure from front to middle. Power and restraint are the key points in this wine that I look forward to experiencing for many years to come. With proper cellaring, I believe this wine will age well for 12 to 18 years or more.

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

There is no denying that this generous young wine is a little biased to ripeness, but it is deeply fruity first and foremost with elements of cassis, black olives, loam and creamy oak showing through every step of the way. It is full and very well-balanced with a nice lift from back-palate acid, and, while nominally tannic, it is never as tough as a young Cabernet can be, and it should come into its best with but mid-term aging of some five or six years.

Wine Enthusiast September 1, 2012 **Rating: 92**

Ripe blackberry jam, mocha, crème de cassis and spicy, toasty oak flavors combine to make this Cabernet a real blast of enjoyment. It's soft enough to drink now, yet has a lovely texture, with tannins that are sweet and refined.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon sourced entirely from our Estate vineyard in Dutch Henry Canyon between Switchback and Hourglass vineyards. Elevation: 400 ft. Clone 337 with 110R rootstock.

Harvested October 10th, 28.3 Degrees Brix

27 Months in new French oak barrels supplied by Taransaud, Gamba, Sylvain and others

Bottled unfiltered and unfinned on February 22nd, 2012

Alcohol: 14.9 %

pH: 3.83

Total Acidity: .70 g/100ml

Consulting Winemaker and Viticulturist: Kirk Venge

Proprietors: The Janzen Family

Total Production: 122 cases.

Release Date: Summer 2012

Website Retail Price: \$100.

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