



SAINT HELENA WINERY

2008 Sympa Reserve Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker Notes: *By Aaron Pott & Elizabeth Tangney*

Deep purple in color, this wine has an intense nose of black cherry and black plum with notes of toffee and mocha. Rich black fruit flavors with hints of cocoa and tobacco leaf seamlessly comprise an expansive mid palate. The finish is silky with firm tannins.

Varietal: 99% Cabernet Sauvignon
60% See clone, Backus cutting, 40% 191
1% Petit Verdot

AVA: St. Helena, Napa Valley

Vineyard: Estate vineyard on Napa Valley floor on Pratt Avenue, bordered by Napa River and York Creek. Bale loam soil. This wine is grown on the south parcel, "Block 1," where the loam is heavier in sand and gravel...a low-vigor ribbon of ancient river bed. Cover crops are primarily legumes. The vines are cane pruned and hand-tended to yield two clusters per shoot. The parcel yields roughly two tons per acre. The vineyard is managed by Elizabeth Tangney and our estate crew, with consulting from winemaker Aaron Pott and vineyard guru Jim Barbour.

Winemaking: Cold soak before fermentation
Native yeast fermentation
Fermented in one-ton bins with two weeks extended maceration

Barrel Aging: 22 months in French Oak barrels, 100% new: Bossuet, Darnajou

Alcohol: 14.9%

Bottling date: September 10, 2010