



SAINT HELENA WINERY

2009 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker Notes: *By Aaron Pott & Elizabeth Tangney*

Aaron Pott says this wine “whispers of elegance.” Luscious aromas of blueberry and subtle tea leaf evolve into black cherry, plum and violet. The first sip is intense, with berries framed in cocoa. Notes of espresso and cedar spice linger on the smooth finish.

Varietal: 98% Cabernet Sauvignon
2% 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 north parcel where the loam is slightly heavier in clay. Cover crops compete for soil moisture, and the vines are cane pruned and hand-tended to yield two clusters per shoot. The parcel yields approximately two tons per acre. Vineyard is managed by Elizabeth Tangney and our estate crew, with consulting from winemaker Aaron Pott and vineyard guru Jim Barbour.

Winemaking: Cold soak for 5 days
Post-fermentation maceration 7-14 days
Native yeast fermentation

Barrel Aging: 22 months in French Oak barrels, 70% new
Bossuet, Darnajou, Seguin Moreau

Alcohol: 14.5%

Bottling date: September 3, 2011
