



SAINT HELENA WINERY

2009 Sympa Reserve Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker Notes: *By Aaron Pott & Elizabeth Tangney*

Inky purple hues precede aromas of blueberry, cranberry and black currant with notes of toasted fennel, tea leaves and cocoa. Flavors of black berries and plum, accented by notes of fig, vanilla and cedar fill the mid-palate. The texture is velvety and weighty with chewy tannins on the lengthy 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 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 two tons per acre. Vineyard is managed by our estate crew, with consulting from winemaker Aaron Pott and Jim Barbour.

Winemaking: Hand-picked fruit, double sorted to berry level
Cold soak before fermentation, 5 days
D254 yeast fermentation
14 days extended maceration

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

Alcohol: 14.5%

Bottling date: October 10, 2011