

# CARTE BLANCHE



2009 Cabernet Sauvignon  
Napa Valley

AVA :	Napa Valley
VARIETALS:	94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot
VINEYARDS:	McBride Cabernet Sauvignon: Napa Valley (59% of blend) Hopper Cabernet Sauvignon: Oakville, Napa Valley (35% of blend) McBride Petit Verdot: Napa Valley (6% of blend)
CLONES:	McBride is 337. Hopper is half 4 and half 337. Petit Verdot is a proprietary field selection.
SOIL:	Variety of soils; from highly rocky, compressed volcanic ash soils of Calistoga's McBride to clayish-loamy soils of Hopper.
ALCOHOL:	15.2%
VINEYARD YIELDS:	2.5 tons per acre average
Skin Contact:	30+ days
Barrel Aging:	18 months
Cooperage:	100% French oak barrels from selected coopers Darnajou & Taransaud
Malolactic ferm.:	100% MLF
Tasting Note:	The nose reveals ripe, dark fruits of blackberry and red currants with background hints of lead pencil, mocha and black tea leaf. On the palate, the texture is silky and the attack is broad. Velvety tannins showcase black currant and cassis, with high notes of black cherry. Bittersweet chocolate and tobacco linger on the finish. Ample structure of fine grain tannins will allow for cellar aging
Cases:	400 Cases Produced.