

CARTE BLANCHE



2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

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| 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. |