



## **DECOY**

### **2009 Decoy Napa Valley Red Wine**

#### **2009 Harvest Notes**

From our first Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc blocks to our final red-varietal Estate picks, our 2009 harvest spanned more than two months. Though the 2009 growing season presented certain challenges—from early shatter to late-season rain—a thoughtful response in the vineyards yielded smaller-than-normal crops of high-quality fruit. This response included aggressive leafing, an early thinning protocol and a heavy field sort to select only the most desirable grapes.

#### **Comments from the Winemaker**

The 2009 vintage has yielded a broad and inviting expression of our Decoy Red Wine, with classic Napa Valley fruit notes and a silky, mouthcoating mid-palate. The aromas spotlight layers of mocha, mulberry and cassis with a subtle, yet sophisticated hint of cigar box. On the palate, this wine is soft and appealing with abundant flavors of blackcurrant, plum, hazelnut and licorice.

#### **Varietal Content**

46% Merlot, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon  
9% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

#### **Harvest Information**

Harvest Dates: August 23 — November 5, 2009  
Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.8° Brix  
14 Napa Valley appellations

#### **Cooperage**

100% French Oak Château-Style Barrels (60 Gallons)  
Barrel Aging: 12 Months  
Age of Barrels: 5% new, 95% second vintage

#### **Production/Technical Data**

Alcohol: 14.5%  
0.61 g/100 ml titratable acidity  
8-10 days fermentation at 80°F  
pH: 3.53

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