

Starmont BY Merryvale

Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley



BLEND

76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11 % Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

WINEMAKING

- Triple sorted
- Extended maceration on the skins

BARREL AGING

Aged 16 months in French oak (25% new)

ALCOHOL

14% by volume

CELLARING

The 2009 vintage reds are showing excellent quality and ripeness at slightly lower alcohol levels. Our 2009 Starmont Cabernet Sauvignon is approachable now and should be consumed within 8 years of the vintage.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Grown in top vineyards across the Napa Valley, Starmont Cabernet lots were hand selected for their rich and robust flavors and fine tannins. We harvest the fruit in the early morning to preserve the fresh flavors and keep the skins intact. Upon arrival at the winery, the grapes were carefully sorted and de-stemmed, but not crushed, leaving over 90% whole berries. The berries and juice were cold soaked and fermented, and then aged for 16 months in 25% new French oak.

Color: dark red with good density

Aroma: sweet red and black currants, brambly blackberry jam, black olive, dried herbs and violets

Taste: soft entry, round with medium weight, toasty oak notes, and very good length