

# 2008 PRIEST RANCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY



## APPELLATION/VINEYARDS

The Somerston vineyard is a 1628-acre property with 72.2 acres planted to Cabernet Sauvignon vines. Located in the eastern hills of Napa Valley, Somerston sits at elevations ranging from 850 to 2300 feet. For this vintage, we selected Cabernet Sauvignon from four hillside blocks at an average elevation of 1200 feet above sea level.

## HARVEST

The harvest for Cabernet Sauvignon started on October 3rd and finished on October 7th. Average brix at harvest - 26.5

## FERMENTATION

Cabernet Sauvignon: nine days cold soak at 50 degrees. 18 day indigenous fermentation with a max temp of 90 degrees and drained overnight to capture the ripe flavors. Only free run juice was used and malolactic fermentation occurred naturally in barrel. Bottled unfiltered.

## AGING

24 months in 50% New French Oak and 50% Neutral French Oak. Racked 3 times in the first year and 4 times in the second year of aging.

## NOTES

This is our third release of Priest Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon from our Somerston Estate vineyard. A refined classic hillside Cabernet Sauvignon, it shows intriguing aromas of dark cherries, dark chocolate, tobacco leaves and crushed stone. This wine is generous yet elegant and sophisticated. On the palate, dark red fruits, cracked black pepper, autumn spices and graphite complete this vibrant, complex wine. Extraordinary finish of abundant yet polished tannins offers depth and persistence.

**Production:** 380 cases

**Bottled:** October 2010

**Release Date:** June 2011

**Varietal:** Cabernet Sauvignon

**Alcohol:** 14.9

**pH:** 3.79

**T/A:** 6.2 g/l

**Cooperage:** Demptos, Saury and Sylvain

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