

2009 ROCCA FAMILY VINEYARDS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

GRIGSBY VINEYARD, YOUNTVILLE, NAPA VALLEY



OUR VINEYARD

Our Grigsby Vineyard is located at the corner of Yountville Crossroad and Silverado Trail, where the Yountville AVA meets the Stags Leap District. The soil here is a light clay loam, generously sprinkled with small river rocks, on a site that enjoys a very special balance of climate conditions. Warm daytime temperatures and full sun exposure encourage the grapes to develop rich, ripe flavors and polished tannins. In the evening, cooling marine breezes and fog from San Pablo Bay dramatically reduce temperatures, allowing the fruit to retain aromatic complexity, bright natural acidity, and a distinctive elegance. The vineyard is farmed with the highest quality considerations, and the fruit clusters are hand-thinned to prevent crowding or shading for optimal development.

WINEMAKING

Our goal is to make wines that reflect the unique characteristics of the vineyards from which they come. Our wines are made exclusively from our organically farmed estate grapes, which we harvest by hand in the cool hours of the night. We take an emphatically hands-off, non-interventionist approach to winemaking. The grapes are gently destemmed, and ferment with the vineyard's own indigenous yeasts. This wine was aged for 20 months in tight-grain French oak barriques, approximately 75% new. The final blend is 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, with 10% Merlot bringing additional aromatic complexity and mid-palate breadth and softness. Bottled in June 2011.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2009 Grigsby Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is classically beautiful Napa Valley Cabernet. The overall impression is one of exceptional fruit purity and uncommon elegance, a perfect demonstration of the balance and grace of the finest wines from this special vintage. On the nose, deep aromas of black cherries, blackberries and ripe raspberries mix with hints of cocoa powder, graphite, spring flowers, and a significant note of minerality. Waves of rich, pure fruit dominate the wine's approach, and carry through across a charmingly soft, round mid-palate. The smooth, velvety tannins that are Rocca's hallmark provide the substance and structure for a lingering, palate-coating finish of luscious black cherry and spicy oak flavors.

APPELLATION:	Yountville, Napa Valley
ESTATE VINEYARD:	100% Grigsby Vineyard
AGING:	20 months in small French oak barrels, 75% new
BOTTLED:	June 23rd, 2011
VARIETALS:	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot
ALCOHOL:	14.9% by volume
CASES PRODUCED:	469
RELEASE DATE:	October, 2012
RETAIL PRICE:	\$80

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