



2008 MERITAGE NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD INFORMATION

Unlike the majority of our wines that are single-vineyard, this wine is a blend of choice lots from several of our prime estate vineyards. We hand select barrels of Cabernet from our Central Park West Vineyard in St. Helena, our Cloud's Nest Vineyard on Mt. Veeder and our Mario's Vineyard surrounding the winery in St. Helena; Merlot from our Vista Montone Vineyard in Southern Napa; and Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc from our Central Park West Vineyard in St. Helena.

2008 GROWING SEASON

The year began with below average winter rainfall, early bud break and potentially damaging spring frost. During bloom we had hot temperatures and high winds thus resulting in poor berry set. Although these factors decreased our yields, we benefited from loose medium sized clusters and Mother Nature doing the thinning for us. Summer conditions were overall mild, except for two major heat spikes at the end of the summer. Fortunately as all our vineyards are estate, we pick our vineyards in stages, often a few rows at a time, allowing for optimal maturity.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

"This is my favorite wine to make because, like having all the crayons in the box, it lets me paint the prettiest picture. Having an incredible arsenal of vineyards at my disposal enables me to make a wine with layers and layers of aromas and flavors. Cabernet is the backbone, Merlot contributes to the mid-palate and the aromatics, Petit Verdot adds color and floral aromatics and Cabernet Franc elongates the finish." -Mario Monticelli

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 72% Cabernet, 15% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc

HARVEST DATES: September 18 - October 8, 2008

COOPERAGE: 15 months, 100% French oak (70% new)

RELEASE DATE: February 1, 2011

CASES PRODUCED(9L): 1878

ALC: 14.5% | PH: 3.87 | TA: 0.56 g/100ml

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$50

Wines bearing the Trinchero Napa Valley label are luxury class, predominantly single-vineyard, wines from our Napa Valley estates. Each is painstakingly handcrafted and produced in limited quantities. We source our grapes from 200 acres of estate vineyards in prime Napa Valley appellations, including St. Helena, Mount Veeder, Rutherford and Atlas Peak. The Trinchero family has been making wine in the Napa Valley since 1948, and Trinchero Napa Valley serves to honor the legacy of founder Mario Trinchero.

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