

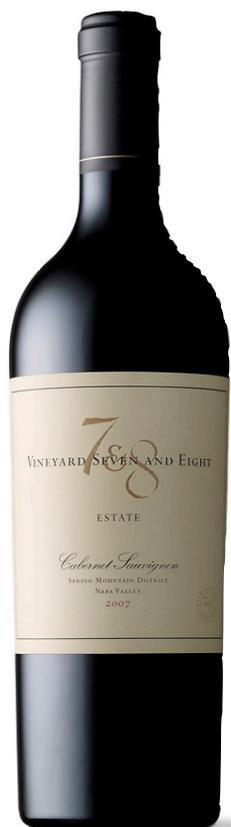
Vineyard 7 & 8

# 2009 “ESTATE” CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Napa Valley—Spring Mountain District



Release Date	October 2012
Fruit Source	100% Estate
The 2009 Growing Season	The 2009 season began with no spring frost and later than usual rainfall. Bloom occurred during beautiful warm and sunny days. The summer and fall were both hot but with very few heat spikes, providing perfect weather conditions for optimum flavor and phenolic maturation. Our manicured work on the canopy and fruit zone allowed us to harvest days before the heavy rains.
Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Harvest	Hand Picked at physiological ripeness throughout late September through early October.
Fermentation	Double hand sorting, whole berry fermentation, average maceration of 30–45 days.
Cooperage	18 months in 95% new French Oak from select artisan coopers
Alcohol	14.8%
Case Production	650



#### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

*"The 2009 'Estate' Cabernet Sauvignon represents the third release of our Estate only bottling crafted to highlight the unique character of the Vineyard 7&8 terroir. Perched around 2,000 feet and planted back in the early 1980's, the vineyard benefits from a long ripening season. The mature vines' roots plunge into the volcanic tuff rocky soil, producing small clusters and berries, providing the fruit with intensity, concentration and personality. Intense, deep and dark, the 2009 'Estate' Cabernet displays a wonderful and complex bouquet; blackberry, black cherry, blueberry, intermixed with notes of licorice, forest and crushed stone. Rich, concentrated and dense, the texture is creamy and seamless with silky tannins. Approachable now, this great wine can be enjoyed young or cellared for 25+ more years"*  
—Luc Morlet, Winemaker

#### WINE REVIEWS

**94 pts. Vineyard 7 & 8, 2009 "Estate" Cabernet Sauvignon. Napa Valley—Spring Mountain District.**

*"The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate comes across as sweet, voluptuous and sexy. It possesses striking inner perfume and fabulous expressiveness in its dark red fruit. Supple, silky tannins frame the exceptionally elegant finish. The 2009 is an immensely appealing, dazzling wine."*  
— Antonio Galloni, *Wine Advocate* Issue #198 (Dec '11)

#### ABOUT VINEYARD 7 & 8

Vineyard 7 & 8 produces 1,800 cases annually and is located at the top of Spring Mountain. The 40 acre vineyard and winery is owned and managed by the Steffens family along with winemaker Luc Morlet and vineyard manager Pete Richmond of Silverado Farming Company. The vineyards of the estate were established in the early 1980s and are currently planted to ten acres of Cabernet Sauvignon and four acres of Chardonnay. These vineyards, which lie above the fog, bring extended ripening, low yields, natural drainage, and infertile volcanic soil. Our onsite winery facility allows us to micromanage the entire process, beginning in the vineyards and ending with the consumer.