



2007

**MEANDER** Cabernet Sauvignon  
*Morisoli Vineyard - Rutherford*

TECHNICAL DATA

*VARIETAL:*

100% Cabernet  
Sauvignon

*VINEYARDS:*

100% Morisoli Vineyards  
Rutherford

*This vineyard has been family  
farmed for generations and is  
prized by many of Napa's  
most respected winemakers.*

*BARREL PROGRAM:*

100% New French Oak  
(Nadalie Colbert)

*HARVEST:*

October 3, 2007

*BOTTLING:*

August 23, 2009  
40 cases produced

*ANALYSIS:*

TA: 5.8 g/L  
PH: 3.89  
ALC: 14.8%

PHILOSOPHY

*My love affair with Napa Valley Cabernet  
Sauvignon started in the late 1980s when I began  
my winemaking career at Joseph Phelps  
Vineyards. It was there that I cut my teeth on the  
king of grapes and became intimate with some  
of Napa Valley's finest sites. In 2000 I decided it  
was time to fashion my own wine from vineyards  
that I believed offered superior aromatics, flavors,  
textures and character. I named this new baby  
Meander, not just as a play on words, but also as  
a combination of Mitchell and Andrew, the  
names of my two sons.*

*~ Amy Aiken, Winemaker/Owner*

WINEMAKING

*Early morning harvest ensures cool fruit at the  
sorting table where clusters are hand sorted  
followed by destemming and gentle crushing.  
Delivered to tanks, the grapes are then cold  
soaked for five days prior to inoculation for  
fermentation. Daily punchdowns are  
supplemented with pumpovers during  
fermentation to extract maximum flavor and  
color. The wine is gently pressed and barreled  
down for malolactic fermentation. Aged in 100%  
new Nadalie Colbert French oak barrels.*

TASTING NOTES

*This is a bold yet elegant wine. Hedonistic barely  
begins to describe the mountains of black plum,  
wild blackberry, licorice notes and cassis liqueur.  
Already exhibiting a weighty mid-palate, this  
wine could be dinner with its chewy unctuous  
tannins and mouth-coating finish. This is one of  
those rare Cabernets that will continue to evolve  
for the next decade.*

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