



2007
MEANDER Cabernet Sauvignon
Napa Valley

TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETAL:
100% Cabernet
Sauvignon

VINEYARDS:
50% Morisoli Vineyards
Rutherford
50% Lewelling Vineyards
St. Helena

*Both of these vineyards have
been family farmed for
generations and are prized by
many of Napa's most
respected winemakers.*

BARREL PROGRAM:
100% French Oak
70% New
(Nadalie, Sylvain, Seguin
Moreau, Taransaud)

HARVEST:
Sept. 20 & Oct. 3, 2007

BOTTLING:
June 23, 2009
333 cases produced

ANALYSIS:
TA: 5.8 g/L
PH: 3.89
ALC: 14.7%

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% French Oak, 70% of which is new, for 22 months. Primary Coopers are Sylvain, Seguin Moreau and Nadalie.

TASTING NOTES

Suprisingly open and approachable, the 2007 Meander Cabernet exhibits commanding aromas of black cherry, blackberry and pie spice. The flavors are lush and mouthfilling with neatly integrated tannins and a suggestion of licorice. The finish is long and velvety. This is one of those rare Cabernets that showed well from day one and will continue to evolve for the next decade.

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