



ANTICA NAPA VALLEY 2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Origin: Atlas Peak District - Napa Valley
Grapes: 100% estate-grown Cabernet Sauvignon

The Antica Napa Valley 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon offers delicious purity of fruit with enticing violet and fresh scents of blueberry, blackberry and red currant. The wine is full-bodied, yet graceful and supple, ending with a long, pure, and persistent finish.

Climate/Vintage:

Temperatures throughout the winter months were mild with below-normal rainfall, marking a third consecutive year of drought conditions for Napa Valley. A dry spring with slightly higher temperatures than normal provided excellent weather conditions for flowering and uniform fruit set. Dry conditions prevailed throughout the summer and early fall. Warm daytime temperatures along with cool nighttime temperatures into the autumn months assured healthy and completely ripe Cabernet Sauvignon grapes rich in winemaking potential.

Vineyard:

Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were harvested from nine vineyard blocks, divided between five clones. The estate's Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards are planted up to an elevation of 1,800 feet, allowing excellent air movement in the well-drained, volcanic soils.

Vinification:

Harvest took place September 18 to October 21 with the vineyard blocks at the highest elevations harvested first. The grapes were harvested by hand in the cool morning hours with particular attention paid to grape selection, so that only perfect bunches with uniform ripeness arrived at the cellar. Careful attention was paid to the fermentation process to preserve the varietal aromas and create a balanced structure to the wine. The wine was aged for an additional 15 months, during which time the individual lots were tended and tasted continually. The wine was blended and bottled on the estate, then aged for one more year in the bottle before release. Antinori chief enologist Renzo Cotarella and the Antica winemaking team oversaw the production, resulting in a great wine with true Napa Valley character.

Soprattutto is Italian for "above all," and reflects Piero Antinori's guiding principle when he selected the place for Antica Napa Valley: altitude. The estate is considered to be, above all, ideal winegrowing country. Piero knew that this property's particular location—with its steep terrain, rocky, well-drained soils and high elevation—also offered great potential for growing quality wine grapes. Soprattutto is our small collection of estate-grown wines which deliciously express the Antinori Family's rich Tuscan heritage now continued in Napa Valley.