

# Tasting Notes

from Master Sommelier, JOE SPELLMAN



## 2009 JUSTIFICATION

This ripe, plump vintage is tempered by the natural crispness of our cabernet franc driving this wine as always. Gorgeous floral aromatics and deep cherry fruit in the nose. Medium-weight, low-tannin palate and long, savory finish complete the pleasure.



## 2009 SAVANT

Likely our most savvy SAVANT to date, its spicy syrah notes carry the nose with deep cassis and boysenberry aromas and a generous sense of mid-palate power from the structural cabernet sauvignon. SAVANT's big finish thrills every time with seared rare meat or with a bold cheese.



## 2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Dense with black fruit and plum notes, our lively and open cabernet bottling offers our usual fruit-intense style with more heft than we've seen in the past few vintages. Black fruit flavors continue on the bold but balanced palate. A delicate sense of vanilla sweetness from our American cooperage lifts the finish.



## 2009 RESERVE TEMPRANILLO

Our nod to northern Spain is always a spicy, sassy wine – a bold red with a fabulous affinity for food. Deep ruby-luminescent, with bright cherry and slight herbal tones, it begs for youthful consumption even as it becomes more graceful with a couple of years of mellowing cellar time. The natural acidity of the variety gives us great refreshment. Delicious for roast lamb dishes as well as spicy tagines.



## 2009 PETIT VERDOT

Usually seen in small amounts in ISOSCELES Reserve, Petit Verdot is used in many classic, blended wines to add color, depth of flavor, and subtle floral highlights. All this shows up nicely in our 2009 Petit Verdot with its dense color, aromas of blackberries, carefully structured palate combining the fruit with mineral, pepper, and leather at mid-point, and a long spicy finish with firm tannins.



## 2008 ISOSCELES

The always profound merge of red and blackberry aromas, cocoa powder, and rosy red ripeness come together here with the usual dense structure and stiff backbone (from our top cabernet lots and a drop of petit verdot) that make ISOSCELES the Paso Robles cellar king. Yet the forwardness of the vintage and the modest mid-palate fruit core seem more ready-to-drink than ever.

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