

JUSTIN *Production Notes*



*A fruit-driven reflection of
the best of Paso Robles*

Appellation: Paso Robles

Composition: Cabernet
Sauvignon

Bottling Data:

pH: 3.78

Total Acidity: 0.63 g/100ml

Alcohol: 14.5% by volume

Bottling Period: 4/11-4/15/2011

Release Date: 7/1/2011

2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Artist Series Label

For every new vintage, we celebrate the differences nature bring us by commissioning a different artist to create the art portion of our label for all our varietally labeled wines. Our objective is for the artist's interpretation of the winery to give visual embellishment to the exciting liquid within. Although we only slightly modify our vineyard practices and winemaking techniques from year to year, each year our wines express uniquely the style and careful selection within that vintage. Art is very much part of the JUSTIN brand image, and of the way we grow and make wine.

Vintage Summary

The 2009 growing season began with an early bud break (early March) due to the extremely warm spring temperatures. An early April frost rolled into the Paso Robles area, but our vineyards were unaffected due to their hillside stature. A warm consistent summer segued into moderate early fall. The balanced weather allowed us to pick on flavor profiles without any concerns of excessive heat or cooler temperatures. Our red wine sources and home vineyard have shown incredible density and power of varietal expression, despite a ferocious rainstorm that dropped over 9 inches of rain on October 14, when over 80% of the grapes were already in tank or barrel. This delayed the completion of harvest, but the relentless vines shrugged off the water and retained great concentration and flavor. The style of the vintage will be flashy and intense.

Harvest Notes

Harvest Period: 9/10 – 11/2/2009

Average Brix at Harvest: 25.3° Brix

Vinification:

Fermentation: 14 days in open and closed top fermentation vessels

Pump-overs: Twice daily aerobic pump-overs

Maceration: 20 days

Maturation: 16 Months in 100% French and American Oak (33% new)

Tasting Notes

Color: Deep ruby red, almost opaque core with bright, youthful violet rim.

Aroma: Bold black fruit-cassis nose, sweet vanilla note from American oak.

Palate: Dry and mouthfilling, raspberry and blackberry flavors. Plush, round and dense, with modest tannins and a long, generous finish.



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