

Affair of the Vine Cabernet Shoot-Out – 2015 Double Gold Medal

R&B Cellars 2009 Reserve/Lyric of the Vine Bingham Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley, \$50.00 DUSTY ROSE 600 cases produced Female: Very open, generous aromatics...a ripe bowl of berries (strawberry, cherry and raspberry), butter and jam with cinnamon back notes. Balanced mouth feel showing flavors of both youthful and aged Cabernet Sauvignon. Nice structure. Long finish. 90 Male: Beautifully evolved on the nose with well developed cola berry, cherry/black cherry, mint, clove, and mocha notes. Secondary notes of pipe tobacco and cedar box. A ripe fruit profile of dense black fruit, pomegranate, and wild berry. Tannins have a dusty character and do a nice job of holding all the rich fruit in place and helps keep the long finish in balance. 92