



R&B Cellars
2009 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon
“Lyric of the Vine”
Napa Valley

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| Vineyard: | 100% Bingham Ranch, Napa Valley |
| Composition: | 97% Cabernet Sauvignon 3 % Merlot |
| Harvest Date: | Oct 27 2009 |
| Sugar at Harvest: | 26.7Degrees Brix |
| Total Acid: | .69 gm/cl |
| ph: | 3.45 |
| Fermentation: | Hand picked, 3 days cold soak at 50 degrees, pumped over 3 times a day, fermentation temp. to 90 degrees, extended maceration for 20 days, CSM yeast. |
| Aging: | 38 months in 100% French Oak from 10 different French Coopers; Vicard, Seguin Moreau, Ermitage, Boutes, Jarnac, Bel Air, Radoux, Billon, Trieul, and Quintessence 100% new oak. |
| Bottling Date: | January 2013 |
| Release Date: | February 2015 |
| Production | 450 750ml Cases |

Vineyard

Bingham Ranch - The Bingham Ranch in Calistoga is one of the oldest cabernet vineyards in the Napa Valley, dating back to 1850s. There are three parcels of vines used in our cabernet, one is 59 years old, another is 39 years old and the third is 21 years old. It is a small berry clone with very low yields, approximately one and a half tons per acre. The resulting fruit is very intensely flavored with a rich dark blackberry profile that makes intensely structured cabernet sauvignon.

Cellar Practices and Winemaking

Perfectly ripe grapes were harvested in late October 2009. They were crushed into a stainless tank and cold soaked at 50°F for 3 days. The temperature was increased to 70°F, and cultured yeast fermentation started and lasted thirty days at a peak temperature of 90°F. The grapes were gently pressed and the resulting wine racked into barrels, which were 100% new French oak 60 gallon barrels from ten different French coopers: Vicard, Seguin Moreau, Radoux, Billon, Trieul, Ermitage, Boutes, Jarnac, Bel Air and Quintessence. The Cabernet was blended in the classical way with small amounts of Merlot from the same vineyard. The wine was aged for 38 months in oak and given an additional 2 years of bottle age prior to release.

Winemaker’s Comments

Our Reserve Cabernet legacy continues with the remarkable 2009 vintage of R&B’s Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. With powerful aromas of blackberry, dark cherry, black raspberry and plum, and delicate hints of espresso, dark baker’s chocolate, toasty vanilla and saddle leather. The flavors burst of dark berry fruits: blackberries, currents, dark cherries, mocha, exotic spice with a huge juicy blackberry finish. A true Napa Valley Reserve wine.

Double Gold: Affairs of the Vine

“Beautifully evolved on the nose with well developed cola berry, cherry/black cherry, mint, clove, and mocha notes. Secondary notes: 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 Points

Gold Medal: Beverage Testing Institute’s World Wine Championships, 92 Points