



ARAUJO ESTATE WINES 2007 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEGROWING INFORMATION

Warm temperatures in early spring and lower than average rainfall resulted in an early start to the stunning 2007 growing season, with budbreak occurring in mid-March. The lack of rain continued through spring and the vines responded to the dry soils by producing a healthy, controlled canopy and an excellent fruit set of small berries. The dry weather and corresponding lack of vigor allowed the vineyard crew to focus on thinning the clusters in a timely manner, while low humidity kept disease and pest pressures to a minimum. With the onset of summer, cool and consistent temperatures prevailed through the end of the season with few unseasonably warm days, creating optimal conditions for slow, steady ripening and balanced acidity in the fruit. The early start to the growing season caused the harvest to begin slightly earlier than normal, with the first block of Cabernet harvested on September 11th and the final grapes picked on September 29th. The fruit was sorted, de-stemmed and cold-soaked, undergoing native yeast fermentations and long macerations in small tanks. The wine was aged in 100% new French oak barrels for 27 months and bottled in February 2010. The grapes were certified 'Organic' by California Certified Organic Farmers, and 'Biodynamic' by Demeter.

TASTING NOTES

The aromas of this wine exhibit profound notes of fresh loam, dusty cocoa powder and crushed rock. In the mouth, spicy black licorice, dried laurel and delicate violet nuances balance the ripe, juicy, briary black fruit components. On the palate, it is seamless, complete from start to finish, showing the luxurious velvety tannins that are the signature of Eisele Vineyard and ending with a long graphite note. Notes winemaker Matt Taylor: *This wine is expressive of earth, chocolate, mineral and dark fruit notes, yet the superb silky tannins that persist through the extended finish, and the acidity that preserves freshness, combine to create a balanced, youthful and rich wine with years of ageing potential.*

GRAPE SOURCE

91% Cabernet Sauvignon Eisele Vineyard
5% Merlot Eisele Vineyard
4% Petit Verdot Eisele Vineyard
Napa Valley

PRODUCTION & TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 14.8%
Total Acid: 0.61 g/100ml
pH: 3.75
Production: 1710 cases
Release Date: October 1, 2010

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