



# CHALK HILL

ESTATE BOTTLED

## 2008 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON-CARMÉNÈRE

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V I N T A G E

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An unusually dry winter and early spring was followed by a severe frost in April. That event, coupled with a May heat spell during bloom, led to lower-than-normal crop levels. The summer was dry and relatively warm while September was marked by an opening burst of heat. We waited to harvest until mid-October, after the fruit had reached full physiological ripeness.

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W I N E M A K I N G

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The 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon-Carmenère blend comes from our 56-acre Estate West Vineyard across Chalk Hill Road. This southwest-facing, rocky parcel enjoys great exposure, slightly warmer temperatures and low yields. Carménère produces a wine that is thick, dark and juicy; in small amounts it heightens the aromatics and texture of Cabernet. After hand harvesting and fermentation, each of the individual lots were aged in French oak barrels (80% new) for 18 months. ~

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T A S T I N G

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Our 2008 Cabernet-Carménère boasts a deep, dark color and ripe, intense bouquet with concentrated blackberry, black cherry, bittersweet chocolate, Herbes de Provence, and coffee. The finish is long and lingering with ample, silky tannins.

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*Harvest Dates*    OCTOBER 23 & 30, 2008

*Cabernet Sauvignon Average Yields*    2.4 TONS/ACRE

*Carménère Average Yields*    1.1 TONS/ACRE

*Average Brix at Harvest*    27.2°

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F E R M E N T A T I O N / A G I N G   D A T A

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*Cooperage*    100% FRENCH OAK, 80% NEW

*Barrel Aging*    18 MONTHS      *Production*    113 CASES

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*Blend:*    80% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 20% CARMÉNÈRE

*Bottling Date:*    JUNE 23, 2010      *Cellaring:*    8 YEARS

*pH:*    3.98      *TA:*    5.4 G/L      *Alcohol:*    15.6%      *SRP:*    \$85

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