



Truchard Vineyards

2007 Cabernet Sauvignon

- Vintage:** 2007 was a dry, cool vintage that produced outstanding wines. A dry winter and spring allowed for a good set of exceptionally small berries. Cooler temperatures throughout the growing season slowly brought the lighter crop to full maturity. The wines of 2007 have intense fruit aromas and flavors, complexity, and great structure.
- Vineyard:** The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 380 acres of hills and valleys which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, limestone, volcanic ash and rock. The combination of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures, provides ideal conditions for wine-growing. Cabernet Sauvignon is planted in several different sites - on steep, southwestern facing hillsides. The vines range from 11 - 33 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot are blended in to provide additional softness, structure, and complexity.
- Harvest:** Oct. 18 - 28 • 24.6 °Brix • 3.55 pH • 6.4 g/L TA
- Winemaking:** All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Fermentations were pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. Maceration time varied from 14 to 30 days depending on vineyard block. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak barrels (45% new). Rackings occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2009. The final blend is 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, and 1% Petit Verdot. This wine is drinkable upon release, but will reward careful cellaring for the next 10 - 15 years.
- Wine Analysis:** 14.2% alcohol • 3.65 pH • 5.9 g/l TA
- Tasting Notes:** Vibrant aromas of ripe cherry, raspberry, and cassis; with a touch of cedar and vanilla. The mouth is layered with flavors of cherry jam, plum, and red berries. Fine-grained tannins fill the palate and provide a lengthy finish of spice and red fruit.
- Release Date:** September 1, 2010
Cases Produced: 2806 cases