

TYLER FLORENCE

Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE	2008
VARIETALS	80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 7% Petite Sirah, 3% Syrah, 2% Cabernet Franc
APPELLATION	Napa Valley
BARREL AGING	18 months in French oak
WINE STATS	Alcohol 13.5% TA .64 g/100ml pH 3.73 g/l

BLEND #5

Chef Tyler Florence and the Michael Mondavi family, long-time Napa Valley vintners, share a passion for pairing food and wine. Now Tyler has teamed up with Rob Mondavi, fourth generation winemaker, to craft a Cabernet Sauvignon from the finest spots throughout Napa Valley. They looked to the region's dramatic volcanic hillsides and rich, alluvial valley floor for the range of expression this grape achieves in this classic Cab region. Extended blending sessions allowed them to land on the perfect balance of rich, dark berry flavors and soft tannins in Blend #5.

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Napa Valley's 2008 growing season was dramatic, but the result was fruit of excellent quality and great flavor concentration. A very dry spring caused buds to emerge early, which meant that frost in late March and early April significantly reduced crop size. A cool summer of consistent temperatures slowed vine development, and harvest began only slightly ahead of normal. A heat spell in late August sped up ripening, but cool fall temperatures helped to lengthen harvest. This second consecutive dry growing season in the Napa Valley, combined with the reduced crops, resulted in berries that expressed their vineyards with rich, concentrated flavors.

VINEYARDS

Grapes for this wine were sourced from throughout Napa Valley's finest winegrowing regions, including Rutherford, Atlas Peak, Wooden Valley, and the Oso Vineyard in Pope Valley. Tyler and Rob have found that blending fruit from volcanic hillside soils and deeper alluvial soils of the valley floor gives the wine a beautifully rounded mouthfeel and layers of rich, complex flavors.

WINEMAKING

After gentle hand-harvest, the grapes were de-stemmed, crushed and fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel, combined with 18 months aging in French oak.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2008 Tyler Florence Cabernet Sauvignon has opulent rich cherry, dark berry and cassis character perfectly balanced by supple tannins and hints of toasted vanilla and toffee—a classic expression of this world-famous Cab region. Enjoy with rack of lamb, tender beef fillet or rich, roasted vegetables.