

PATEL

NAPA VALLEY

Red Wine 2009

Our Red Wine is our tribute to Right Bank Bordeaux red wine, such as from Pomerol. Keeping tradition to Right Bank red wine style, Merlot makes up the majority of our **Red Wine**. Merlot is the 'backbone' of this wine, and giving the wine it's lush and elegant mouth feel and wonderful layers of rich cherry and black fruit. We added Cabernet Sauvignon for structure and provides the wine with long rich finish. We added Malbec for the floral aroma and dark fruit flavors.

PATEL 2009 Red Wine is made to be approachable in its youth we suggest decanting for maximum expression, cellaring the wine a few years is recommended. The 2009 Red Wine has a deep dark red color with a ruby garnet hue. The nose expresses a lovely combination of red and black fruits, with subtle integrated toasty oak notes that add layers of complexity to the aromatic profile. On the palate, the wine is refined, well balanced and structured. There is nice fruit intensity that compliments the soft tannin level that frames the finish. The merlot for the 2009 Red Wine comes from Tourmaline Vineyards in Coombsville located at the southeastern end of the Napa Valley. It should drink well for 10 or more years

Our 2009 Red Wine contains: 70% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec, 212 Cases Production. Release date March 1, 2012

About Winemaking Ritual:

We adhere to strictest quality standards. From the vineyard, the clusters are all hand-sorted, 100% de-stemming; the berries are again hand sorted, berry-by-berry. After three to five days of cold pre-fermentation in small open-top fermenters, we start fermentation by adding yeast. Four to five weeks later the fruit is gently pressed and moved to barrel where it finishes the remaining secondary fermentations. The wine continues to be carefully aged in 100% French oak barrels, 55% new oak from artisan French Coopers. To assure proper aging we age our wines for about 20 months in a combination of rare barrels from Ana Selection and Darnajou. After many blending trials, the wine is bottled, unfined and unfiltered. Aged for nine months in bottle before release.

Winemaker Kian Tavakoli has clearly displayed his talents and his belief in quality without compromise approach. Our goal at **PATEL** is and always will be, to produce beautiful wines of outstanding quality, with distinction and elegance. Our goal is to make wines that are both "powerful and elegant" and pair well with a broad range of foods. Our Red Wine has the style and quality that is with par with wines from Right Bank region of Bordeaux, France.

Currently, our limited production is sold through our mailing lists, but wine enthusiasts can find our wine in a growing number of fine restaurants and retail stores.

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