

## 2008 SONGBOOK

*This wine is the result of a handshake*

### Vintage

A dry winter resulted in low soil moisture at the start of the growing cycle. The vines began early growth with a gentle warm spell in March. A sustained spring frost season trimmed yields. Foggy mornings helped to retain the integrity and freshness of the fruit, while classic, warm Napa afternoons carried ripeness toward harvest. Tiny berries the size of wild blueberries and near record low yields produced flavors of remarkable depth and complexity.

### Vineyards

Fruit for the 2008 Songbook was sourced from three of David Abreu's personal properties located in diverse *terroirs* in the St. Helena and Howell Mt. regions of the Napa Valley. These properties produce fruit of uncommon character resulting from proprietary clones, extremely low yields and meticulous farming. The result is a winemakers dream.

### Winemaking

Grapes were picked in the darkness of the early morning hours and immediately subjected to rigorous selection by our berry-by-berry hand sorting process. The fruit was gently delivered to tank by our unique crane system, minimizing disruption of berry integrity. Cold soaks lasted four to eight days and fermentations were managed by a combination of *delestage*, punchdowns and pumpovers. Extended maceration for five weeks fine-tuned our tannin profiles, and allowed us to perfect mouth feel and complexity. This wine underwent eighteen months of *elevage* in new French oak.

### Winemaker Notes

2008 Songbook is the third edition of this wine and is our most hedonistic offering yet. Dark purple color is indicative of the purity of fruit in 2008. Opulent wild blueberry greets the nose and is accented by lavender and allspice. Silky tannins offer a counterbalance to a dense mouth-feel to ensure a persistent finish.

### Analysis

Picking Dates:	September 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup>
Composition:	85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot
Alcohol:	14.8%
Bottled:	June 2010
Release:	March 2011
Production:	242 cases