

2007 SONGBOOK

This wine is the result of a handshake

Vintage

The lack of winter rainfall resulted in a severe soil moisture deficit at the start of the 2007 vintage. With a gradual transition to spring, and with the earliest irrigation on record, 2007 opened with cool weather and early growth. A mild April abruptly turned into a hot May and June, with grapevines blazing through bloom, fruit set, and the first phase of development. Even hotter weather in late summer incited some early berry shrivel and punctuated the start of harvest. The vintage of 2007, which will prove to be a short crop by 10-25%, is most noted for its dry start and small berry size. In the end, the undersized crop came in with decidedly pronounced flavors of unusual depth and complexity.

Vineyards

Fruit for the 2007 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 berries were gently delivered to tank by our unique crane system, minimizing disruption of berry integrity. Cold soaks lasted four to seven days and fermentations were managed via a combination of *delestage*, punchdowns and pumpovers. Extended maceration from three to five weeks fine-tuned our tannin profiles, and allowed us to perfect mouth feel and wine complexity. This wine underwent eighteen months of *elevage* in 100% new French oak.

Winemaker Notes

The 2007 Songbook is an aromatic odyssey of rockrose, raspberry, attar and heliotrope that give way to allspice, wet gravels, and hyacinth. Opulence continues in the mouth, with a dense, sculpted palette of huckleberry, dark chocolate, briar, pomegranate dust, and sweet brambly tannin. With the patience of decanting, this seamless offering will continue to produce new layers of decadence.

Analysis

Composition:	78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc
Alcohol:	15.1%
Bottled:	June 2009
Release:	March 2011
Production:	165 cases
Average ton/acre:	2-2.8