

2009 SONGBOOK

This wine is the result of a handshake

Vintage

The growing season started under drought conditions. Springtime rains recharged the soil, and the vines responded with moderate vigor. Set was below normal due to warm dry winds. With clear summer days and fog blankets in the morning hours, berry development progressed rapidly. After veraison, the fruit ripened slowly and evenly. As summer gave way to fall, moderate temperatures led to an early harvest. Low yields balanced the vines naturally and concentrated the fruit's flavors. Typical of an El Nino winter, over five inches of precipitation soaked the Napa Valley in mid-October. Fortunately, all of our fruit was ripe and harvested prior to the unseasonable rains.

Vineyards

Fruit for the 2009 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 *délestage*, 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 twenty-four months of *élevage* in new French oak.

Winemaker Notes

The 2009 Songbook is the fourth edition of this wine featuring raspberry, rose oil, gravel, and dried tobacco leaf aromas. Time reveals cocoa powder, and orange zest as the wine unfolds in the glass. The wine's silky texture is layered with rich, fine-grained tannins lifting through the finish. Cassis, huckleberry, violet, and anise persist in the finish exhibiting the ability to cellar elegantly.

Analysis

Picking Dates:	September 22 nd to October 12 th
Composition:	80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot
Alcohol:	14.9%
Bottled:	December 2011
Release:	March 2013
Production:	234 cases