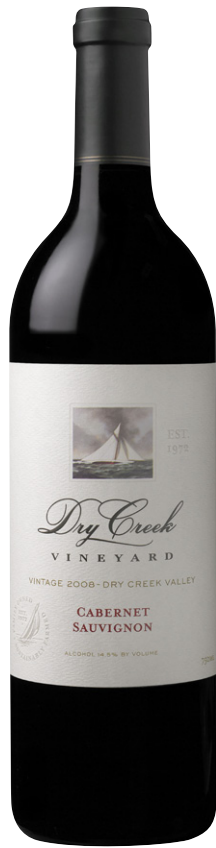


## 2008 CABERNET SAUVIGNON – DRY CREEK VALLEY



### HISTORY

Cabernet Sauvignon in the Dry Creek Valley is relatively undiscovered. Primarily known for Zinfandel, the valley actually has more acreage of Cabernet Sauvignon planted than any other varietal. Our region's terroir provides unique aromas and flavors for our Cabernet grapes. Bright cherry and black berry fruit, framed by floral and spice elements create wines that speak to the distinctiveness of the appellation.

### GROWING SEASON

The 2008 vintage began with heavy rains in November and December. However, by February, Mother Nature had turned off the rain spigot. Several consecutive weeks of frost in March were followed by heavy winds in mid-April, with fires consuming the area in late June. And while, not the most ideal conditions, our winemaking team was able to manage and navigate this very tricky vintage.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The 2008 Dry Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon displays elegant aromas of raspberry, sage and dried flowers. On the palate, the flavors intermingle with black cherry and chocolate creating a mouthful of silky, well-integrated tannins. With some airing, the wine fleshes out even more providing dimension, depth and length. The finish lingers on for more than a minute with fine tannins that are very elegant and structured. Simply delicious!

**90 Points**

*WineReviewOnline.com*

2007 Vintage

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*Wine Enthusiast Magazine*

**★★★★ - FOUR STARS  
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**  
*Decanter Magazine*



<b>RELEASE DATE</b>	November 2011
<b>BLEND</b>	79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 4% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc
<b>APPELLATION</b>	Dry Creek Valley
<b>HARVEST DATES</b>	September 15 - October 3, 2008
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.4%
<b>BRIX</b>	Average 23.9
<b>FERMENTATION</b>	17 days; pumped over twice daily
<b>PH</b>	3.76
<b>TA</b>	0.55
<b>BARREL AGING</b>	20 months in French, American and Hungarian oak; 35% new oak
<b>SOILS</b>	Mainly hillside fruit with both eastern and western facing sun exposure
<b>VINE AGE</b>	15 – 20 years on average
<b>YIELDS</b>	3-4 tons per acre