

2009 Vineyard 7 & 8 Cabernet Sauvignon 7

The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon 7 comes across as soft, sexy and opulent. Silky tannins frame a core of expressive fruit in this polished, understated wine. This is a relatively understated vintage for the 7. Flowers, spices and dark red fruit are layered into the deep finish. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2019,

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The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon 7 is another massive wine bursting with class and personality. Mint, flowers, leather and licorice are just some of the notes that flow from this hulking, intense wine. This is shaping up to be a slow-maturing vintage here. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2028.

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2009 Vineyard 7 & 8 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate

The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate comes across as sweet, voluptuous and sexy. It possesses striking inner perfume and fabulous expressiveness in its dark red fruit. Supple, silky tannins frame the exceptionally elegant finish. The 2009 is an immensely appealing, dazzling wine. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2024.

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The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate bursts from the glass with an exciting melange of blackberries, plums, minerals, graphite and smoke. It possesses stunning structural depth, power and richness, but it will require a measure of patience. It, too, is a dazzling wine. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2028.

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2009 Vineyard 7 & 8 Chardonnay 8

The 2009 Chardonnay 8 shows lovely focus in its mango, fig, pear and ripe tropical fruit. This is a beautifully balanced wine that impresses for its sexy, voluptuous personality. Rich buttery notes linger on the finish. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2014.

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The 2010 Chardonnay 8 boasts gorgeous minerality that serves to balance some of the wine's more overt tendencies. There is plenty of richness and power in the glass, but those nuances are framed by the wine's sheer harmony and sense of proportion. This is a highly promising wine from Vineyard 7 & 8. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2015.

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2009 Vineyard 7 & 8 Chardonnay Estate

The 2009 Chardonnay Estate is a rich, boisterous wine bursting with ripe, juicy fruit. It shows great intensity and sheer class through to the rich, vivid finish. This is a totally striking wine. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2014.

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2010 Vineyard 7 & 8 Chardonnay Estate

The 2010 Chardonnay Estate possesses more freshness, cut and minerality than the 2009. Floral notes add lift and brightness on the energetic, chiseled finish. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2016.

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