

LUC MORLET TASTING

VINEYARD 7&8 | BURE | MORLET @ VINEYARD 7&8, SPRING MOUNTAIN, WITH WESLEY STEFFENS, VALERI BURE, AND LUC MORLET

VINEYARD 7&8	2009	CHARDONNAY 8		RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY	14.5%	125 cs.	\$50	96
VINEYARD 7&8	2009	CHARDONNAY ESTATE		SPRING MOUNTAIN DIST	14.5%	250 cs.	\$75	95
VINEYARD 7&8	2008	CABERNET SAUVIGNON 7		SPRING MOUNTAIN DIST	14.8%	725 cs.	\$75	92
VINEYARD 7&8	2009	CABERNET SAUVIGNON 7	(FALL 2012)	SPRING MOUNTAIN DIST	14.8%	825 cs.	\$75	92
VINEYARD 7&8	2008	CABERNET SAUVIGNON ESTATE		SPRING MOUNTAIN DIST	14.8%	650 cs.	\$125	96
VINEYARD 7&8	2009	CABERNET SAUVIGNON ESTATE	(FALL 2012)	SPRING MOUNTAIN DIST	14.8%	700 cs.	\$125	97

VINEYARD 7&8 www.vineyard7and8.com

2009 Chardonnay, 8: Sourced from Lone Oaks Vineyard in Russian River Valley, it shows a vibrant liquid amber color with a golden vigor, possessing a stunning nose of liquid golden fruits with some sour lemon flecks in a sea of beautiful round citrus, rich vanilla scented red and yellow pear, mineral and slate. On the palate, it is enormous and oily with a rich mouth-coating feel. Shows a polished, long and bright finish redolent of pear and spiced apple lasting a Wilder-esque 45 seconds. Drink 2011 – 2014. **2009 Chardonnay, Estate:** Shows a hazy golden color (unfiltered). In the nose, I find tactile lemon, salt and mineral dryness. As with the “8”, it is a fascinating wine to just plug your nose into the glass and forget about everything else. On the palate, there is beautiful bright lemon and pristinely balanced acid/fruit, along with a backbone of sweet hazelnut and warm, crumbly lemon tart, showing the dough, salt and curd all interwoven. If you want a Chardonnay to take your breath away, look no further. Drink 2011 – 2014. **2008 Cabernet Sauvignon, 7:** is opaque purple in color, with a slightly earthy nose and hints of brown spice, caramelized sugar, tobacco, cherry and cedar. The palate is solid with somewhat bright red fruit. Although it seems a little young to drink now, the tannins and black fruit is masterfully interwoven. Drink 2012 – 2018. **2009 Cabernet Sauvignon, 7:** (unreleased) shows a dark core of color, with a magenta edge. The nose delivers very dense and dark initial impressions lifted by some red cherry with air. On the palate, there is a pleasant, precise entry with a little red fruit again coming in to loosen up the relatively compact black fruit flavors. Overall, it is sweet and supple with a nice tannin profile. Drink 2012 – 2020. **2008 Cabernet Sauvignon, Estate:** is full and ripe, with a little loam, blue and black fruit, purely concentrated. The palate is poised and elegant with red berry, faint spice and blue plum and blackberry nectars at hand, leading to an impeccably balanced finish providing beautiful mouth-coating tannins – sheer brilliance. **2009 Cabernet Sauvignon, Estate:** (unreleased) leaves me searching for superlatives... In the nose, there is massive blueberry and *crème de cassis*. It is one of those rare wines that will cause you to stop and acknowledge you have something pretty extraordinary in front of you. On the palate, there is stunning purity and length, with finesse, depth and intensity. This wine is the complete package. Flat out delicious. Drink 2012 – 2025.

To read the rest of the issue and become a subscriber, visit:

<http://www.pdwr.co>