



THE GRADE  
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## THE GRADE 2007



Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Proprietors:	Brenda Mixson & Tom Thornton
Winemaker:	Rudy Zuidema
Release Date:	January 2011
Release Price:	\$90 retail per 750ml
Vineyard:	Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown) Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA
Harvest Date:	October 2, 2007; 4.963 Tons
Vines:	Block 1 – Clone 7/Rootstock 110R Blocks 2 & 4 – Clone 337/Rootstock 101-14
Aging:	21 months in barrel
Panel:	14.3% Alcohol   3.68 pH   0.67 g/100ml Titratable Acid   0.54 g/100ml Volatile Acidity
Production:	275 cases

**Tasting Notes:** *The 2007 vintage is a pure expression of the maturity of the vineyard and a perfect growing season of even temperatures and extended hang time through an Indian Summer. Whoever thought a Cabernet Sauvignon could be rich 'n creamy and Calistoga-dusty at the same time? That's cool.*

*The dark ruby red color glows from the wealth of mouth-happy flavors within. The wine opens with layers of jammy blackberry and mulberry, soothing mocha and tobacco and hints of mint and eucalyptus all of which swirl into a long rich finish of caramel, molasses and cherry pie. It reminds you of walking through a misty cedar-filled forest in your new leather boots.*

*This wine is vibrant, yet graceful. The tannins are super rich, yet refined. The textures are balanced, yet seamless. The 2007 vintage is imminently drinkable, but also nicely acidic to be put down for many years.*

*“be local...enter ‘the grade’”*

Robert Louis Stevenson