



THE GRADE
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2009 “THE GRADE” Cabernet Sauvignon, Winfield Vineyard, Calistoga



Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley Calistoga AVA
Proprietors:	Brenda Mixson & Tom Thornton
Release Date:	October 2012
Release Price:	\$80 retail per 750ml
Vineyard:	Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown) Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA
Harvest Date:	September 30 & October 10, 2009
Vines:	Block 1 – Clone 7/Rootstock 110R Blocks 2 & 4 – Clone 337/Rootstock 101-14 Block 5 – Clone 337
Cooperage:	100% French Oak from Treuil and Jarnac (30% new)
Aging:	22 months
Panel:	14.7% Alcohol; 3.61 pH; 6.1 g/L Titratable Acidity
Production:	265 cases

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

“This 2009 vintage is a true, blended expression of our estate vineyard’s diverse blocks. The vintage is a dark in color with a supple core of our darker Block 5 fruit with noticeable luscious Block 1 chocolate-earth and a well-balanced nose including bittersweet cocoa, anise-laced currant, cedar, fig sage and loamy earth.

“On the palate, there are luscious notes of spice, leather and black cherry mingling with the long, fine tannins earthy cedar tones. The combined juiciness and creaminess of this vintage show off this wonderfully maturing vineyard spot!”

- Rudy Zuidema