



## VENGE 2008 BONE ASH VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

This is the inaugural release from our Calistoga Estate, the Bone Ash Vineyard, and we are elated with the results. We experienced a “frost year” with cold spring months in 2008. While yields were considerably lower as a result, the natural thinning of fruit worked very well in the winery. As a result, the wine is ripe and complex and proves that lower yields can produce wonderful wines. Toasty vanillin envelopes very fresh fruit aromas of blackberry and black cherry with glimpses of dried currants, clove, light black licorice and coffee bean. While very youthful, the palate is brooding and complex with hints of black currant, wood spice, and a touch of minerality. Some of the more classical Cabernet flavors in this wine are reminiscent of a left bank Bordeaux. Enjoy over the next 12-15 years or longer.

### IN THE VINEYARD

Harvest took place on October 14, 2008, with average degrees Brix of 25.5. The ripening was just perfect, never too fast with excellent tempo. Yields were a mere 1.25 tons per acre. The 18 year old cane-pruned vines are comprised of Clones #7 and #8, and nearly dry farmed with exception of a splash of water in late September.

### IN THE CELLAR

The fruit was hand sorted and destemmed into small, open top, stainless steel fermentors and time on skins lasted 22 days. The fruit was then lightly pressed, keeping “free run” and “press” fractions separate and aged in 75% new French Oak barrels for a total of 22 months. While we do add yeast to finish primary fermentation, we allow the indigenous malolactic bacteria to complete the secondary fermentation. Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered.

420 Cases Produced



100% Estate Produced and Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon

“Combining power with finesse, this is dark, rich and concentrated, offering flavors of blackberry, spice and black licorice, with subtle cedar touches. Quite brawny now, but showing a wonderful, pure push of fruit on the finish. Best from 2013 through 2023. 275 cases made.”

93 POINTS  
James Laube  
*Wine Spectator*