



VENGE 2009 SCOUT'S HONOR PROPRIETARY RED, NAPA VALLEY

Yet another spectacular vintage in honor of our beloved winery dog, Scout. 2009 was an equivalent yielding year as compared to its predecessor, 2008. The vintage was very intense and even tempered as well. This allowed for wines of wonderful concentration and stature in both the barrel and bottle. This vintage is an eclectic assemblage with light violets, crushed herbs, red cherry and licorice scents in the nose. The palate is driven with femininity from the Zin with loads of ripe red berry and cherry and enveloping masculinity of mineral, char and tannin flavors from the Syrah, Charbonno and Petite Sirah. This is a largely structured wine and not for the weak of heart nor imagination. With time this wine will certainly find itself developing wonderfully and finding even more harmony.



In The Vineyard

Fruit was sourced from five single-vineyard sources in Napa Valley. The majority of Zin and a small component of Petite Sirah are from our former Venge Vineyard in St. Helena as well as Zinfandel from the Moss Creek Vineyard in the gorgeous Cappel Valley in the eastern reaches of Napa Valley. The Charbonno is 60 years old and is entirely sourced from the noble Frediani Vineyard in Calistoga. The Baranek Vineyard in Clarksburg supplies us Petite Sirah and lastly, the Syrah is from the Muhlner Vineyard in Napa's Chiles Valley.

In The Cellar

Harvest began the first weeks of October. The small individual lots of fruit were destemmed and whole-berry fermentation took place for 12 days in tank, and then aged for 16 months in 60% new American Oak from Missouri. No conventional pumps were used in the making of this wine. Only diaphragm air pumps and forced air pressure movement were employed to preserve the full fruit integrity in the wine. Unfined and unfiltered. Best enjoyed until 2016.

71% Zinfandel
15% Petite Sirah
10% Charbonno
4% Syrah
0.59 g/100mL T.A.,
4.0 pH,
15.4% Alc.

55% Zinfandel, 22% Petite Sirah, 14% Charbonno, 9% Syrah
0.60 g/100mL T.A., 4.1 pH, 15.5% Alc. Bottled on March 29, 2011. 1780
Cases Produced
Suggested Retail: \$38 per bottle