



Truchard Vineyards

2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve



Vintage: 2008 was a challenging vintage that produced wonderful wines. Freezing temperatures in early spring reduced yields by nearly 30%. Moderate temperatures throughout summer and fall easily brought the lighter crop to full maturity. The wines of 2008 have beautiful aromas, intense flavors, and great acidity.

Vineyard: The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 400 acres of hills and valleys, which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, limestone, volcanic ash and rock. The combination of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures, provides conditions well suited for wine-growing. Cabernet Sauvignon is planted in various sites - on steep, southwest-facing hillsides. The vines range from 11 to 33 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. **Cabernet Sauvignon is the only wine produced by Truchard Vineyards with a “reserve” designation. It is a very limited bottling that is a tribute to the quality of this unique vineyard.**

Harvest: Oct. 20 – Nov. 1 • 24.4 °Brix • 3.50 pH • 6.8 g/L TA

Winemaking: All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Each fermentation was pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. The lots were pressed after 28 days of maceration. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak (75% new). Racking occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2008. **This wine is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon.** It is drinkable upon release, but will reward careful cellaring for the next 18 – 22 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.2% alcohol • 3.60 pH • 6.0 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: An elegant nose of cassis, ripe plum, and cherry; with hints of cedar, cocoa, and sweet vanilla. The mouth smooth - layered with flavors of blackberry jam, black cherry, and raspberry. Mouth-filling tannins lift the palate and provide an elegant finish of berry and spice.

Release Date: November 1, 2012

Production: 124 cases