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HERB LAMB VINEYARDS



2008 Two Old Dogs Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaking Notes:

Winemaker Mike Trujillo says "A very friendly wine, not clumsy, but rich and juicy up front. This wine is flush and lush, one of the most decadent wines we've made, but well structured and with a good balance. Aromatically, there is a fair amount of oak and lots of dry Baker's chocolate with a hint of smoky tobacco. The color is wonderful, and in the nose you can smell the licorice and spiced dark chocolate. In the mouth, you can feel the weight and taste the oak folding in nicely to the dark fruits and cocoa. There is a bright acidity to this vintage that will make it a bigger wine in the mouth than some previous vintages.

Vintage Notes:

2008 was one of the oddest growing seasons in many years. The Napa Valley experienced a dry spring, topped by devastating late April frosts with rain and high winds, followed by an unusual heat wave - making for an erratic bloom period. This effectively cut the overall crop by as much as 20% in some areas, although the hillside Herb Lamb Vineyards, with the steady breezes through our eastern valley, escaped another potential loss due to frost. If anything, the weather at bloom lead to smaller berry size which ultimately reflects a greater color and intensity of flavor in red wines.

Weather fears always separate picking decisions during harvest, but we were able to ride out an early period of searing heat and continue to irrigate our hillside vineyard throughout a late August and early September heat wave. Fortunately, the fall ripening season continued at a cooler pace without much rainfall, with temperatures in the 70's, and we were able to pick the vineyard as it ripened, from October 13 to 23rd.

Technical Data:

Alcohol: 14.4%

Composition: 100 % Cabernet Sauvignon

Cases Produced: 130

Barrels: 60% French Oak

Appellation: Napa

Vineyard: Herb Lamb Vineyards