

HESS

ALLOMI
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2009

NAPA VALLEY



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Our Allomi vineyard lies in the gently rolling hills of northeastern Napa Valley. The vineyard was carefully chosen for the quality of its soils, climate conditions and topography. Each block is planted to grow fruit that express the uniqueness of the terroir. Our vineyards are sustainably farmed in accordance with our founder Donald Hess' philosophy: "Nurture the land, return what you take."

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The combination of a long, warm growing season and well-drained soils creates optimal ripening conditions, which make the Allomi Vineyard an ideal location for Cabernet Sauvignon. The 210-acre vineyard is composed of 35 unique blocks with six different clones that add diversity of flavors to the palate. By selecting the best blocks each vintage, our winemaker produces a distinctive wine notable for its depth and complexity. This wine offers a lush, firm texture, with good acidity, firm tannins and distinctive fruit forward flavors. The wine is smooth and supple, but with a broad base of tannins that give it heft and age worthiness.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The 2009 Allomi Cabernet Sauvignon is a full-bodied wine with rich flavors of blackberry and currant paste. Aging in American oak barrels for 16.5 months (25% new) brings a toasty nose of vanilla and nutmeg. The jammy entry of dark fruit carries through a well-balanced mid into fine-grained tannins in the finish.

2009 VINTAGE

The 2009 growing season started out easy with little frost. Spring and summer weather was moderate, without heat spikes, allowing the physiological and sugar ripening of the berries to remain in balance.

FOOD PAIRING

Earthy flavors enhance the fruit flavors in this wine, especially with foods such as herb roasted chicken, grilled pork, caramelized onions, eggplant, sautéed greens, roasted potatoes or vegetables and aged jack and Gouda cheese.

BLEND
91% Cabernet Sauvignon
9% Petite Sirah

AGING
16.5 months in American
oak (25% new)

pH
3.82

TA
0.55 gms / 100 ml

APPELLATION
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9/25/09 - 11/3/09

ALCOHOL
14.4%

