

BLUE * ROCK

We believe that small is beautiful. In our experience, the finest, most individually expressive wines come from small places.

We will produce only artisanal quantities of luxurious, affordable red wines that express their sense of place. Blue Rock, therefore, will always make wine from grapes grown exclusively on the 100 acre hillside Estate hidden in the Northern Alexander Valley.

2009 Blue Rock Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2009 Blue Rock Cabernet, likely the richest Blue Rock Cabernet ever made, is the result of a severe selection from what will be remembered as two vintages in one. 2009 was a long and cool growing year with perfect conditions for the slow ripening Bordeaux varietals. Then the rain came, a deluge really, dividing the vintage into great quality prior to the rain and mediocre afterwards. The 2009 Blue Rock from early ripening pre-rain blocks is 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec, and 5% Petit Verdot. It is produced primarily from our oldest vines most dating to 1987. It is aged for 22 months in 50% new French Oak and 50% once used barrels. The wine is very aromatic with notes of mint, blueberry and black fruits. Deep flavors of black cherry are balanced with well endowed but fine grained tannins. There is excellent balance and a persistent finish. It is very approachable and ready for early consumption or long term cellaring. The Blue Rock style is one of elegance and restraint rather than heavy and highly extracted. We strive for a wine that has a solid structure and lots of flavor, yet, without the heaviness that one associates with many modern day California Cabernet.

Varietal: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon (clones 4,7,15,337), 2% Malbec, 3 % Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 14.2% PH 3.7 Ta .6

Cases: 1584 750ml

Winemakers: Nick Goldschmidt and Kenny Kahn



Our Thoughts

Here is a wine that we discovered in our quest for something different than a Napa Cab. Blue Rock proves that there is an exciting palate-pleasing world on the other side of the Mayacamas Mountain and it can hold its own compared to the top Napa bottling and at half the cost.

How is it different? It is a cellar worthy beauty that happens to be drinking fantastic today. Unlike many Cabs that have tended to get bigger and more alcoholic in order to impress the "critics" Blue Rock has stayed true to a consistent style that emphasizes elegance, good structure, and plenty of power considering the excellent balance. It is a Bordeaux style of Cabernet that hails from the Alexander valley and transports those lucky enough to have it to the way that California Cabernet wines used to be. It is a bottle made as much for 2020 as it is for today.

