

Nicholson Jones Selection

2007 Cellar Arts Napa Cuvée

Vintage:	2007
Varietal:	25% Syrah 22% Cabernet Sauvignon 19% Cabernet Franc 18% Petit Verdot 16% Merlot
Vineyard:	Stagecoach Vineyard, Kan Vineyard, Sugarload Mtn., Napa Valley
Aging:	40% New French Oak 60% Neutral
Bottled:	Feb-2010
Released:	Jul/Aug-2010
Alcohol %:	14.8
Production:	640 cases



Tasting Notes

Incredibly integrated, offering notes of red currants, raspberry stems and peach pits blended seamlessly with milk chocolate powder and a friendly metallic minerality. A crushed, herbal red pepper ties it all together, with just the right amount of spice. Generously fleshy, the palate adds in juicy plums and chalky, textured tannins that run long through the smooth finish. A holistic, unified wine in all dimensions. Delicious now, and for years to come.

Winemaker's Notes

Exceptional Vintage, exceptional winemaking. The cuvee is a Bordeaux blend in style but with a twist of Stagecoach Syrah. Unconventional but extremely refined blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Syrah with a touch of Petit Verdot and Merlot. The wine has been aged for a total of 27 months in French oak and 15 months in bottle...this has fully integrated the tannins and delivers a silky seductive mouth feel. The totality of the Cuvée is impressive yet elegant...The Cabernet Franc has created just enough acidity, color and nose by measured use of the Petit Verdot, silkyness from the Merlot and the Syrah and importantly the Cabernet Sauvignon structure elegantly pulls it altogether.

Vintner's Notes

It has been a while since Nicholson Jones/Cellar Arts has had a new release to write about and the 2007 Cellar Arts Napa Cuvée has truly been worth the wait. The year 2007 was a nearly a perfect season to grow grapes in Napa and I am sure you all have read the press hype. We are one of last wineries to release a 2007. The wine now in the bottle for 15 months is drinking beautifully and is just beginning to open to its full potential. Julien's craft shows through with one of his finest expressions of wine making and TLC. Blending is the last thing we do to the wine and Julien is a true artist in the construction of a wine with all elements in synergy. This Cuvée is an incredibly integrated combination of French structure and balance using Napa Terroir. As with our philosophy, this effort is not an overly ripe oak bomb but a work of finesse, balance and time. There is a lot of passion, fun, and unrelenting pursuit of quality from bud to bottle in the 2007 Napa Cuvée. We have received many professional and press acclaims on this "cult styled" Cuvée but you are truly the judge and I am honored that you consider bringing this wine in to your collection. This wine will continue to improve over the next 10-15 years. Cheers!

Julien Fayard, Winemaker

Cal Nicholson, Owner/Vintner



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