

Nicholson Jones Selection

2008 Proprietary Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage:	2008
Varietal:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Vineyard:	Kan Vineyard St Helena, Sugarloaf Mt
Aging:	21 Months in 70% New French Oak, 30% Neutral
Bottled:	Sept-2010
Released:	Oct-2011
Alcohol %:	15.5
Production:	200 cases



Tasting Notes

If this wine is any indication, 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon will be a wonderful follow-up to the highly-touted 2007's. Whipped black fruits, cedar planks and copper coins balance atop a sublime orange citrus. Give this wine some air to unlock cocoa, pistachio liqueur, young blackberries and creamy vanilla. Violets float through in the waning moments. Silky tannins melt into a lasting and focused finish. Intense and voluptuous, without any notion of intruding size or pushiness.

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Terroir

Our "Proprietary" Cab is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon and named so because it is a blend of two very distinct and different vineyards. The Kan Vineyard is on Pratt Road on the north side of St. Helena. This mid Napa Valley vineyard with deep soils and is not far from the Napa River. The vineyard experiences warm to very warm days and gentle cool nights. The Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard could not be more different, in very south Napa Valley, south of the city of Napa high on the west side of the valley with only dirt roads for access. The vineyard is hard, rough terrain with rocky red volcanic soils. This is a very cool area taking longer to ripen. Standing in this vineyard one can see the most northern part of the San Francisco Bay.

Winemaker's Notes

Opulent, dark and rich. Definitely seducing today and with great aging potential this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is true to the 2008 vintage. Profound cigar, mocha and dark cherries aromas. Sweet and ripe with an impressive structure.

Vintner's Notes

The 2008 Nicholson Jones Proprietary Cabernet Sauvignon is one of two very small production flag ship Cabernets we will release for the 2008 vintage. Julien Fayard with his constant vineyard management and wine making talent has created a beautifully elegant yet big Napa Cabernet. We feel one of the best of the 2008 vintage. 2008 was a very low yielding year with incredible concentration and structured. Julien took advantage of mother nature's gift and used his French tradition making big, elegant and balance not a counter diction in terms. The wine has been in the bottle for a year now and is drinking wonderfully.



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