



2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Homage, Napa Valley

HOMMAGE, THE NAME FOR CLOS PEGASE'S RESERVE WINES, pays tribute to the memory of the artist whose painting graces the label each vintage. In addition, it honors the artisans, growers, enologists, craftsmen and workers whose efforts are reflected in the wines. Our artisanal Hommage wines are made in very limited quantities from exceptional estate fruit. They are concentrated, rich and full structured – ideal for aging.

HARVEST NOTES

At the beginning of the 2009 growing season budbreak was delayed. While cumulative rainfall was low overall, the atypically late timing of rain delayed irrigation needs, while a warm spell in June helped curtail excessive canopy development. The remainder of the summer and early autumn was steadily warm and dry. These ideal growing conditions led to optimal flowering, veraison and harvest. This mild weather, coupled with prolonged hangtime, produced wines which perfectly balance freshness and richness.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Cabernet Sauvignon from Tenma Vineyards is deep in color and intensity and provides the foundation of our blend. Dunaweal Vineyard's deep and fertile soils allow our Petit Verdot to thrive, providing flesh and mid-palate drive for the blend. Each block was harvested at optimal ripeness and received a protracted cold soak. Lots received individually-tailored extraction and the young wines were maintained on the skins for an average of 35 days to build texture and stabilize color. The finished wines were pressed directly to barrels to complete malolactic conversion. Two rackings each lot were performed prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2009 Hommage offers up complex and enticing aromas of black cherry, French plums and blackberries, with nuances of black licorice, baker's spices and subtle toasty oak. Plush and luscious mouthfilling fruit dominates the entry, leading into a more structured yet opulent and layered mid-palate and long, intense cocoa-laden finish. The balance between tannin, palate weight and acidity guarantees improvement with additional bottle age.

LABEL ART

The label pays homage to Auguste Herbin (b. 1882), who experimented with a number of styles prior to World War II. Post war, he developed "alphabet plastique", based on the basic geometric structure of letters with aspects of color theory. The featured painting, *Chant* (1958) meaning "song", is abstractly based upon an alphabetic spelling of the title.

TECHNICAL INFO

VINTAGE

2009

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

99% Cabernet Sauvignon,
1% Petit Verdot

VINEYARD

Tenma Vineyard, Calistoga, Napa Valley (99%); Dunaweal Vineyard, Calistoga, Napa Valley (1%)

SOIL

Tenma Vineyard: Bale Clay-Loam and Sandy Clay-Loam; Dunaweal Vineyard: Bale Clay-Loam

CLONES

Tenma Vineyard: Cabernet Sauvignon—Clones 7 and 337;
Dunaweal Vineyard: Petit Verdot—Clone 6;

HARVEST DATES

October 2–26

AGING

19 months in 66% new French oak

ALCOHOL

14.8%

RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.13%

PRODUCTION

76 cases of 12 x 750ml bottles
35 cases of 6 x 1.5L bottles

BOTTLING DATE

June 2011