



WINDSOR SONOMA

2008 CABERNET SAUVIGNON ALEXANDER VALLEY

THE APPELLATION

Named for pioneer Alexander Cyrus, this appellation is located at the northern end of Sonoma County and runs 22 miles long, varying in width from two to seven miles. The area's rugged terrain is recognized as one of the New World's premier growing regions for Bordeaux varietals. The warmer inland temperatures of this mountainous region are cooled at night by the maritime air that flows from the coast up the Russian River, which winds from the north to the south of Alexander Valley. This daily convergence of temperatures creates a myriad of varying microclimates ideal for this variety, as world-class Cabernet Sauvignon grapes thrive along the rolling hillsides and all the way up the mountain ridges. The soil is shallow and rocky, adding impressive depth and concentration to the character of this variety.

THE WINE

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Clones	4, 7, 8
Harvest Dates	October 22-23
Average Brix at Harvest	26.7°
Barrel Aging	18 months in French oak (50% new)
Bottling Date	June 9, 2010
Alcohol	15.4%
Total Acidity	0.59g/100ml
pH	3.65
Production	1,000 cases

TASTING NOTES

Dark fruit characteristics dominate the aromatics of this 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon, closely followed by scents of dark chocolate espresso and toasted vanilla. Lush and full-flavored with black cherry, blackberry, cocoa and toasted coconut, this powerful Cabernet presents firm tannins, and good acidity to balance a rich fruit profile.

