



MARSTON FAMILY VINEYARD, LLC

2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON SPRING MOUNTAIN DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY

Our 2009 vintage marks our twelfth release from our family estate, and our forty-third growing season in the Napa Valley. We strive to produce a classic, distinctive wine that expresses the complexity of our terraced hillside vineyards in the Spring Mountain District of the Napa Valley. Our stony mountain soils intensify the flavors of the fruit while producing smaller berry size to contribute to a lower yield of expressive clusters. Each year we select and hand cultivate our favorite blocks of the 45 acre estate vineyard to produce a limited amount of *Marston Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon*.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Rootstock: St. George, 1103 and 110R

Clone: Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 8 and Clone 4

Barrel Aging: 20 months (100% New French Oak)

Production: 300 cases

Harvest Date: October 25th, 2009

Bottled on June 22nd, 2011

Release Date: September 2012

Winemaker Tasting Notes:

“The 2009 vintage is a classic Marston in every sense. The powerful bouquet of black currant, red plum, raspberry, rose petals, anise, black pepper, pencil shavings and hints of leather engage the nose immediately. A distinctive black raspberry front leads to a luscious mouth of black plum, red currant, pomegranate, sweet tobacco, cocoa, and cassis. The layers of complexity in the mid palate give way to the young, well-integrated tannins for a long lingering finish.” – Marbue Marke, Winemaker

Harvest 2009 Summary:

The 2009 vintage was marked by ideal weather conditions during the growing season, complemented by three rain storms during the latter part of the summer and early fall. With no frost pressure, bloom and set were perfect in early Spring, and moderate temperatures continued to ripen the berries with great uniformity through the warmer summer months. Only a handful of heat spells were observed through veraison, and relatively modest conditions prevailed in the remainder of the growing season to keep everything in balance. A brief cooling trend tested our patience in late September and early October, coupled with a mid-October rain, but average berry size and firm skins with dark, intense flavors handled the change well. We harvested on October 25th, and were rewarded with a balanced, classic expression of Marston Family Vineyard.

Marston Family Vineyard is Family Owned by Elizabeth & Jamie, John & Tanya, Michael & Alexandra Marston