

# CUVAISON

ESTATE WINES

## 2009 Syrah Carneros, Napa Valley Estate Grown

### Syrah Carneros



Cuvaison's Carneros Syrah comes from our own estate in the southern part of Napa Valley. This cool climate vineyard allows near perfect conditions year after year to produce world class Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah. Controlling all farming aspects within our own vineyard gives Cuvaison an advantage in producing the best quality fruit therefore minimizing over manipulation at the winery. Winemaker Steven Rogstad sums it up best, "My style and philosophy are based on expressing the unique character of our estate grapes and doing as little as possible to them. When one has such wonderful fruit to work with, that should be one's emphasis."

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Harvest Date:	October 9 – October 11
Age of Vines:	12 years
Fermentation:	16-21 days
Alcohol Level:	14.5%
pH Level:	3.83
Residual Sugar Level:	Dry
Acid Level:	5.58 g/l
Aging Process:	16 months in French oak burgundy barrels 35% new

### Aroma

Bold black cherry fruit with intriguing hints of quince, persimmon, violets and allspice.

### Palate

Lots of pepper spice and black licorice notes surf a wave of jammy blackberry fruit.

### Overall Impression

A wine that pairs lot's of spice elements with cinnamon, cola and mocha to a rich backdrop of black cherry preserves. Classic Carneros Syrah.

