



THREE STICKS



2009 Sonoma Valley Cabernet Franc

VINEYARD NOTES

Bismark Ranch: 1800'-2200' elevation, South exposure, Northeast-Southwest row direction predominately with one block East-West. Ryolitic tuff/Basaltic. Planted in 1998. We receive small amounts of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot from Bismark. The Cabernet Sauvignon is lively and grippy with red fruits. The Petit Verdot provides dark aromas and concentrated fruit and can supplement the structure of the Cabernet Sauvignon.

VINTAGE NOTES

2009: 2009 was a cool year marked by high quality fruit and lower yields. A dry winter, cool spring and moderate summer characterized the year. Bloom was late and long; cool, windy weather caused a variable "set" dropping yields. Two heat spikes were followed by cool temps in September/October. 2009 was the first of three vintages with rainfall during harvest. Harvest began with Pinot Noir on September 10.

TECHNICAL SPECS

APPELLATION:
Sonoma Valley

VINEYARD:
Bismark Ranch

VARIETAL CONTENT:
100% Cabernet Franc

BARREL AGEING:
24 months

BARREL COMPOSITION:
100% new French oak

FERMENTATION:
Opentop Fermentors

PRODUCTION:
44 cases

HARVEST:
September 23

TOTAL ACIDITY (TA):
0.68g per 100ml

PH:
3.60

ALCOHOL CONTENT:
14.6%

WINEMAKER:
Don Van Staaveren

COOPERS:
Vicard

WHOLE CLUSTER:
10%

LENGTH OF FERMENTATION:
11 days