2008 CADE Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain

Production:	900 cases
Release Date:	April 2011
Varietals:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol:	15.4%

CADE Estate Vineyard Notes

The CADE Estate is situated on a 54 acre property with 21 acres planted to vines with an ideal southwest facing exposure. Located in the heart of Howell Mountain the CADE Estate vineyard sits at elevations ranging from 1,520 to 1,700 feet and is planted to 19 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon (Clones: #4, #337, SEE, # 2, #169 and #7) and 2 acres of Merlot (Clone: 181).

FERMENTATION

Cabernet Sauvignon: Was cold soaked on its skins at 40° F for two days. The fermentation took place during 12 to 21 days at a maximum temperature of 95 ° F.
We only used the free run juice for our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon and allowed the malolactic fermentation to occur naturally in barrel.

ÉLEVAGE

The wine received 20 months ageing in 100% New French Oak barrels. Bâtonnage (lees stirring) took place periodically during the first four months. The wine was racked a total of three times in the first year of aging and two times in the second year.

COOPERAGE

Darnajou, Taransaud, Sylvain and Nadalie

BOTTLING

Wine was bottled in July of 2010

OUR THOUGHTS

We feel that the 2008 CADE Estate Cabernet Sauvignon eclipses our blockbuster 2007, the reasons being that the weather in October 2008 was fantastic with not a drop of rain falling during ripening season and harvest.

Aromas of black cherry, minerals, warm chocolate, and black currants are followed on the palate with flavors of blackberry puree, chocolate, vanilla, black olive and rosemary. We are amazed at the rich and plush tannins of this wine a testament not only the 2008 vintage but also to winemaker Toni Biagi and his skilled crew at CADE.

To quote wine critic **Robert Parker in his December 2010 Issue of *The Wine Advocate*;**
"The 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate exhibits a glorious nose of blueberries, black raspberries, plums, graphite and crushed rocks. This exquisite Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is about as good as it gets from these higher elevation vineyards on the eastern side of the Napa Valley. A brilliant texture, stunning purity and great length make for a fabulous wine to drink over the next 20-25 years." ***(98+ points)***

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