



2007 Yosemite View Cabernet Sauvignon

Emulating the bold, organic beauty of the world famous Yosemite National Park, our wines are designed to please a wide array of wine drinkers. Skillfully blended from a core of Sierra Foothill's vineyards, Yosemite View can trace its viticulture roots back more than 150 years. The Sierra Foothills AVA is one of the oldest grape growing areas in California. The Yosemite View flavor profile is rich and rustic in a fruit forward style, balanced by a light, well integrated winemaking touch. Seamless and classic in style, the label colorfully depicts the stunning grandeur of our namesake landmark. The Yosemite View wines are flavor destinations to be visited repeatedly.

The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes for this wine came from two locations in Mariposa County, a sub region of the historic Sierra Foothills appellation. The core of this wine came from Mary Lou and Cliff Gardner's vineyard, located due east of the town of Mariposa, at an elevation of 3,000 feet. It's an older planting, and the rolling topography gives the vineyard many different aspects, which help build complexity in the wines produced from its fruit.

The balance of the fruit came from another older planting; E.J. and Shirley Miller's Temperance Creek Vineyard, in the Hunter's Valley of Mariposa County. While the Gardner Cab gives the blend its fruitiness, herbal notes and body, the Miller's gives it its backbone and age ability. Located miles down an endless dusty road, the Miller's vineyard is essentially dry-farmed, as water is a scarce commodity during the growing season. Wines from this site are sturdy and bold and give the blend its intense color and emphasize the rough-hewn style for which the area is known.

Tasting Notes:

Our 2007 YV Cabernet Sauvignon is ruby hued, with medium density color. In the nose, classic Cabernet elements of black cherry, red currant and dried herb aromas are most prevalent, with a light toasty scent giving the bouquet depth and complexity. On the palate, the wine mirrors the bouquet revealing predominantly black cherry and cassis fruit layers framed by a light cocoa edge.

Stats:

Bottled: July 10th, 2009

cases: 600

alch: 13.2

TA: 5.5

pH: 3.63