



**ITALICS**

**2009 FIFTEEN APPELLATIONS  
NAPA VALLEY**



*The best wines are  
a revelation of place.  
As winegrowers,  
our charge is to draw your  
attention to their virtues.  
To italicize them.*

**Composition**

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot,  
17% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot

**Vineyards**

One to two tons of fruit from 15 of the most famous vineyards in Napa Valley, with each block of fruit representing a different sub-appellation.

**Fermentation**

30 days skin contact, barrel and tank fermented

**Aging**

33 months in French oak barrels, 25% new, 50% neutral oak, and 25% in cryogenically cleaned barrels, which removes all tartrates and wine residue as well as any yeast. As clean as you can get in a cellar environment.

**Alcohol**

14.7%

**Production**

665 cases

**Tasting Notes**

A balanced fusion of red and dark fruits, full of current, blueberry, tobacco and light leather. Hints of subtle earth, compliment the fruit components without overpowering them. An all over voluminous rich mouth feel...very comfortable. The year allowed for riper growing conditions and the addition of the warmest growing region, Calistoga, shows in the wine.