



2007 HOLY SMOKE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**94 Points** Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate "A full bodied, powerful effort with stunning concentration, richness, and length exhibits classic Pauillac-like notes of crème de cassis, cedar, licorice, and incense."

## **Winemaker Notes**

The 2007 Holy Smoke shows the alluring vibrancy of a young vineyard coming into its own. After extensive research on this vineyard site in the Oakville Appellation we chose to plant a clone of Cabernet Sauvignon known as "clone 4." This synergy between vineyard and site allows us to create a wonderfully bold and complex Napa Valley cabernet. This single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon shows great extraction and a long, supple finish, with layers of aromas and flavors. The appealing characteristics of cherry and berry glide into big, clean, syrah-like spice enveloped by licorice flavors to create an exciting midpalate experience. The soft tannins, a hallmark of winemaker Paul Steinauer, are firm and fully integrated into the wine. The delightful hint of oak will allow the 2007 Holy Smoke to cellar beautifully for the next several years.

## All The Facts

Appellation:	Oakville
Varietal:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Case Production:	362
Aging:	22 months, 100% new French oak
Suggested Retail Price:	\$85
Enjoyability:	Drink now or cellar. Pull the cork between 2013 and 2021 for optimum enjoyment.

## On the Vine

During the summer months it is not uncommon to wake up and find a heavy veil of fog blanketing the Napa Valley. Our Holy Smoke vineyard in the heart of the Oakville appellation lies between the Mayacamas Mountains to the west and the Vaca range to the east. On those cool mornings, before the heat of the summer sun has had time to strengthen, the layers of fog dance above the vines recalling images of smoke. The gravely, well drained soil of the vineyard site is ideal for growing Cabernet Sauvignon. In keeping with our commitment to the proper stewardship of the earth the vineyard is farmed organically. The excellence of each element: clone, vineyard site, farming techniques, and winemaking, allows us to craft a cabernet with distinguished character and of a quality to find itself among our Single Vineyard Cabernet Selection.

