

FLORA SPRINGS

2009

WILD BOAR CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Winemaker's Notes

We are proud to say that the 2009 Wild Boar lives up to its name and then some! The grapes for this wine are usually the last to be harvested as they require the entire growing season to reach complete ripeness—the result is an extraordinarily dense, fruit-filled wine with more than generous tannin. In order to tame the "Wild Boar" tannins, grapes from this vineyard undergo an extremely disciplined fermentation and aging process resulting in a wine that cannot be duplicated from other growing regions. With aromatics of cinnamon, red cedar, anise and dark chocolate, entry into this wine brings a sensation of sweetness with vanilla followed by Mediterranean herbs and finishing with a wonderful spicy cigar box character that lasts and lasts.

Cellar Facts

Appellation:	Pope Valley, Napa Valley
Varietal:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Case Production:	376
Aging:	21 months, 100% New Oak (1/3 American and 2/3 French)
Suggested Retail Price:	\$85
Enjoyability:	Drink now or cellar. Pull the cork between 2015 and 2025 for optimum enjoyment.

On the Vine

In many aspects, Pope Valley is considered the last frontier for Napa Valley. In the early evenings, oak trees cast long shadows over fallow fields recalling the days of wild, untrammeled pastures that once covered Napa proper. The hustle of Highway 29 gives way to a single, two-lane road that rolls lazily across the valley floor. Marked by a single massive Cypress tree resembling an obelisk, our Cypress Ranch in Pope Valley produces some of our most sought after fruit. The ranch is blessed with consistent afternoon breezes that funnel down from the Palisades mountain range, moderating the typically warm temperatures of the appellation. The fruit for our Wild Boar Cabernet is from a single hillside vineyard on Cypress Ranch. Bold and dramatic, this vineyard reaches 1200 feet of elevation at its highest point. In keeping with the still untamed character of Pope Valley and the wild, marauding boars that seem to enjoy these grapes almost as much as we do, we've named this robust, highly-concentrated Cabernet, Wild Boar.

