



Technical Data

Varietal: 87% Merlot, 8.3% Syrah
4% Petite Sirah
.7% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Alexander Valley Estate

Production: 2373 Cases

Alcohol: 14.8%

Residual Sugar: 0.3%

Total Acid: 0.60g/100ml pH: 3.37

Aging: 35% new French, American and European
Oak. Remainder in older mixed cooperage.

Fermentation: Stainless steel tanks; some lots pressed at
dryness, others left for extended maceration.

Bottled Date: August, 2009

Release Date: November 2009

Winemaker: Miro Tcholakov

Winemaker Notes: 2007 vintage was one of the great vintages of the decade. During my nineteen vintages in California there have been several exceptional vintages and 2007 is definitely shaping up to be one of those. We have three blocks of Merlot on our Geyserville Estate and Block 500 has consistently been the best for the last ten years. With this bottling, I decided to bottle the wine from the 500 block on it's own for the first time. The block was separated into two halves, North and South, and we treated each differently in regards to irrigation, pruning, crop levels and harvesting time. Then in the cellar, I divided the two halves into even smaller lots for different fermentation treatments. Every lot was fermented with different yeast and aged on the skins for varying lengths of time. Then the lots were aged in different types of new oak. As you can see, we paid a special amount of attention to this wine and I believe the result is a wine with greatly exaggerated, varietally correct aromas and flavors of dark stone fruit, layers of blackberry, black licorice, new leather and sweet and toasty oak. On the mouth the wine is full bodied with present, but balanced tannins, a juicy middle and a long finish. The low pH and tannin structure will support several years of aging.

Cheers !

Miro Tcholakov - Winemaker

