

BROWNE

FAMILY VINEYARDS



2008 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TASTING NOTE

Inviting Bing cherry, cocoa and leather aromas swirl around the glass of this beautiful Cabernet. The silky palate is layered with vanilla, clove, damson plum and fleur de sel notes. This well structured wine leaves developed cedar and lingering fruit on the finish.

VINTAGE NOTE

The 2008 harvest began in late September, perhaps the most delayed harvest since 1993. Harvest wrapped up in the first part of November. Overall the wines have great fruit flavor definition, medium bodied and complex. The reds, Merlot, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon, always do well in the state and the 2008 vintage is no exception.

VINEYARD SOURCE

Cabernet Sauvignon is chosen from Blackrock and Mirage Vineyards for its lush, dark fruit character and from Canyon Ranch, Pepperbridge and LeFore Vineyards for added structure and earthiness to the wine.

WINEMAKING

The fruit for Browne Family was harvested from October 12th - 22nd, 2008 at the peak of Phenolic ripeness and tested on the vine for flavor and structure. Once harvested, all grapes were hand picked into small ½ ton bins and immediately de-stemmed. The winery “crusher,” used to de stem fruit was removed to maintain 70% whole berries during fermentation. This allowed for great extraction of color and increased the maturity of tannins making the wine more approachable. After pressing occurred, primary fermentation was completed in stainless steel. The new wine was then transferred to 59- gallon French and Eastern European Oak casks; selected for their intense varietal Cabernet characteristics and to balance the fruit tannins. Browne Family 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon was barrel aged for 26 months then bottled in December 2010.

CELLARING

Crafted as a cellar worthy wine; enjoy now or cellar for up to ten years (2021).

BLEND
90% Cabernet Sauvignon,
7% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION
Columbia Valley

GRAPE SOURCE
Blackrock, Canyon Ranch,
Mirage, Pepper Bridge, LeFore

VINTAGE
2008

WINEMAKER
John Freeman

RELEASE DATE
March 2011

HARVEST DATE
10/12/08 - 10/22/08

YEAST
Pasture Red

ML
100%

OAK
65% New FO,
35% 1-2 Year Old FO, HO

AGED
26 months

FINING
None

BOTTLED
December 17, 2010

TA PH
5.5 g/l 3.82

RS ALC.
None 13.7%

CASES PRODUCED
925

ACCLAIM

2006

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

93 POINTS

The Tasting Panel

90 POINTS

Wine Spectator / Wine Enthusiast

2005

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

BEST

Washington Wine of 2008

Paul Gregutt, The Seattle Times

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