

2007 ROCCA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

GRIGSBY VINEYARD • YOUNTVILLE • NAPA VALLEY



Located at the northwest corner of the Silverado Trail and Yountville Crossroad, our Grigsby Vineyard's soil is a light clay-loam, sprinkled with small river rocks. With its proximity to the Stags Leap District, the vineyard receives cooling breezes most afternoons, originating from San Pablo Bay. The vineyard is farmed with the highest quality considerations, and the fruit clusters are hand-thinned to prevent crowding or shading for optimal color and flavor development.

WINEMAKING

Winemaker Celia Welch worked closely with Sergio Melgoza, our vineyard manager, as they both believe that the art of making great wine begins in the vineyard. Throughout Napa Valley, the 2007 vintage produced some of the greatest wine grapes in recent memory. Conditions were remarkably mild and even, with very few heat spikes, allowing flavors and tannins to ripen slowly and beautifully. Thanks to the benevolence of the season and to Sergio's dedicated efforts, the grapes matured with wonderful uniformity and we were able to harvest at the peak of ripeness. The grapes were selectively hand-harvested during the cool morning hours, to preserve their freshness and vibrancy. The fruit from each block of the vineyard was harvested and fermented separately, and aged in French oak barrels for an initial period of nine months. Celia then perfected the final blend in July of 2008, and returned the wine to barrels for an additional ten months of evolution and integration before bottling in May of 2009.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2007 Grigsby Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is a deliciously rich, fruit-focused wine that demonstrates the exceptional balance and seamlessness of this special vintage. The final blend is 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, with 2% Petit Verdot blended in for additional aromatic and textural complexity. The overall impression is one of flamboyant, ripe, lush fruit and soft, caressing tannins. On the nose, the wine exhibits thick, rich aromas of blackberry, raspberry coulis and black cherry, with subtle hints of creamy vanilla. The approach is packed with sweet fruit, leading to an exceptionally rich mid-palate and finishing with the soft, silky tannins which are the hallmark of all of our Rocca Family Vineyard wines. This classic, 100% estate-grown Napa Cabernet displays great concentration and harmony, with sumptuous juicy fruit and a touch of creamy oak spiciness on the long, full finish.

APPELLATION:	Yountville, Napa Valley
ESTATE VINEYARD:	100% Grigsby Vineyard, Yountville, Napa Valley
AGING:	19 months in small French oak barrels
BOTTLED:	May 2009
VARIETALS:	98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot
ALCOHOL:	15.3%