



CHARLES CREEK

V I N E Y A R D

2008

“La Sonrisa Del Tecolote”

Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley

Winemaker: Kerry G. Damskey
Production: 495 cases
Date of Bottling: October 14, 2010

Appellation: 100% Napa Valley (20% Stagecoach Vineyard)
The Vintage: A problematic vintage for much of California, 2008 offered yields reduced by as much as 30% (in some areas) from the previous year. The frosts that hit the state between February and April coupled with abnormal summer heat spikes also resulted in a somewhat earlier harvest in many areas but as the weather cooled in the early fall full flavor ripeness was realized and the harvest of 2008, though small in quantity, was considered a successful one.
The Blend: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Syrah, 1% Malbec
22 months maturing in new and seasoned French & American Oak Cooperage
The Wine: Enticingly lively aromas of red fruits and brown spices are the intro to this medium weight Cabernet; flavors reminiscent of tart cherry, red currant and plum are accented with notes of coffee, menthol, spice and caramel. The juicy acidity and fine tannins ensure that the wine is eminently drinkable now or with an additional 5+ years in the cellar.
Serve with: Red meats, red sauces, sharp cheeses-we test drove this bottling with a slow-cooked Navarin of Lamb
The Stats: Alc: 14.9%
Total Acidity: 0.62 G/100 ml
pH: 3.68
RS: Nil