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FAMILY VINEYARD

2007 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rutherford, Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	October 1, 2010
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	September 9—October 9, 2007
<i>Barrel Aging</i>	27 Months
<i>Oak</i>	100% French, 95% new, 5% used
<i>Blend</i>	88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.9%

Winemaker Tasting Notes

The 2007 growing season can be characterized as dry, early and light – the winter rainy season was short, budbreak was early, the growing season was consistent and on the warm side with a significant heatwave in late August just prior to harvest, resulting in a small crop that produced intensely flavored fruit with great color, intense flavors and substantial extract.

The evocative nose lead by crème de cassis, camphor and black raspberries grows more complex with air, revealing swirls of cedar, graphite, cinnamon and cocoa beans that dance above a foundation of loam, black olives and woodspice. A substantial palate of ripe red and black fruits opens with redcurrants, plums and raspberries building to a mid-palate interplay of blackberries and chocolate covered Bing cherries framed by lush and tangy tannins kept fresh by a vibrant, balancing acidity. Given a bit more time in bottle to fully knit together, this wine will sing and provide pleasure for many years come.

