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FAMILY VINEYARD

2008 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rutherford, Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	October 1, 2011
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	September 12—October 20, 2008
<i>Barrel Aging</i>	22 Months
<i>Oak</i>	100% French, 92% new, 8% used
<i>Blend</i>	88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.9%

Winemaker Tasting Notes

2008 was a challenging yet rewarding year. The winter rains stopped completely after January and set us up for a long dry summer that was preceded by one of the worst frost seasons on record. The lack of rain and the intensity of the frost resulted in a growing season defined by vineyard stress, consistent though not excessive heat and heartbreakingly low yields yet our vineyard crew was able to deftly manage these conditions and provided us with small-berried fruit of great intensity and character.

An archetypal, old-world Sauvignon nose laden with classic aromas of cassis and black cherry redolent with violet-lifted black olives and green peppercorns rising out of an earthy bed of resonant loam and pure humus spiced by a tease of pimento, cedar and bay leaf cascades onto a rich and vibrant palate of anise highlighted blackcurrants and peppered plums speckled with shavings of dark chocolate and cocoa nibs energized by tingly notes of powdered minerals and a fresh acidity that also gives life and length to the well formed tannins.

