

STAGLIN

FAMILY VINEYARD

2009 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rutherford, Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	October 1, 2012
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	September 25—October 18, 2009
<i>Barrel Aging</i>	21 Months
<i>Oak</i>	100% French, 94% new, 6% used
<i>Blend</i>	91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.9%

Winemaker Tasting Notes

The 2009 season might be remembered as a mellow, easy, almost perfect year that avoided any extremity. A relatively mild, slightly dry winter was followed by heavier late winter/early spring rains than has been normal recently, allowing us to minimize irrigation and balance vine stress. Small heat waves and rainstorms in May and June caused some shatter, naturally limiting yields and allowing the vines to focus their ripening energy on the clusters that remained. The absence of the usual late-August heat wave allowed the grapes to continue ripening evenly without undue pressure or stress, developing ripe and mature flavors without excessive sugar accumulation right on through a brilliant September and early October, allowing us to harvest most of our fruit prior to rains that fell later in the month.

The 2009 Staglin fills the glass with a brooding swirl of rich, dark fruits, resinous herbs and rain dampened loam illuminated by polished hints of sweet baking spices, aromatic woods and exotic liqueurs. A juicy and inviting entry builds to a generous, balanced yet lively mid-palate that slides towards a graceful and fine-grained finish of well developed and classy tannins. Complex and beautiful now, this wine will generously reward sufficient decanting and additional time in bottle.

