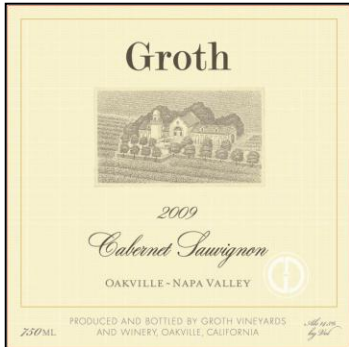




Groth
VINEYARDS & WINERY
Rooted in Oakville

2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY



Vintage: The reds had a few issues out of the ordinary in 2009 that required a tremendous amount of time and energy in the vineyards. The steady warm days gave way to cooler weather and a rain incident like we have not seen since the Fall of 1989. Even though many of the red grapes were harvested prior to this rain event some Cabernet was still on the vine after the showers. Fortunately Cabernet is quite resistant to any collateral damage caused by the moisture and the grapes came through in great shape. This, of course, was a result of intense work in the vineyards to eliminate any fruit that might have been compromised by the rains. This thinning, in conjunction with both cluster and berry sorting in the cellar, resulted in big, rich, unctuous reds with outstanding color and depth. A great year of reds!

Harvest: The Cabernet Sauvignon fruit is grown on our Estate controlled vineyards, in the Oakville AVA, in the heart of the Napa Valley. The Oakville District is renowned for its Cabernet Sauvignon and produces wines that are full, lush and very elegant.

Winemaking: Fermentation was carried out over a ten-day period in small, temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks at an average temperature of 85 F. After pressing and settling, the wine was transferred to small French oak barrels for aging. The sweet vanilla character derived from 22 months in the barrels blends well with the black cherry and blackberry flavors and aromas of the wine.

Winemaker tasting notes: The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon is big and lush with huge gobs of fruit in the aroma and flavor. The texture of the wine is soft and supple, typical of Cabernet Sauvignons grown in our area of the Oakville AVA.

Menu suggestion: “A slab and a Cab”, Dennis Groth recommends you drink his Cabernet Sauvignon with steak.

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Key Points

- Oakville Appellation
- Cabernet Sauvignon 80%, Merlot 20%
- Aged in French oak barrels for 22 months, 65% new French oak.
- Bottled in July 2011
- Will age beautifully for the next 10-15 years