



# PARALLEL NAPA VALLEY

## 2009 BLACK DIAMOND RESERVE NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

On the ski slopes, Black Diamond runs let you know that you are about to experience the most exhilarating runs the mountain has to offer. Our Black Diamond Reserve is used to mark the best barrels we produce annually. The 2009 release of Black Diamond Reserve Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was the beginning of an ongoing program that now culminates each year during Harvest Season with a "Name the Vintage" contest. Parallel Wines' fans submit a Black Diamond or Double Black Diamond ski run at a favorite resort, and the winner is rewarded with an etched 3L bottle of their named vintage upon its release.



### PHILIPPE MELKA WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

"RIPE JUICY STRAWBERRY ON THE NOSE WITH UNDERLYING TONES OF BLACK CURRANT. SOFT, LUSH AND WELL ROUNDED ON THE APPROACH, WITH SWEET MOUNTAIN TANNINS, TRUE TO THE NAPA HILLSIDE. THE BLACK DIAMOND 2009 IS A BIG STRUCTURED WINE WITH A STRONG ACID BACKBONE THAT LEAVES NOTES OF CASSIS AND WET STONES ON THE FINISH. THIS WINE'S TANNINS ARE WELL INTEGRATED WITH A SOFT TEXTURE, TYPICAL OF A TRADITIONAL MELKA WINE."

### 94POINTS& "CELLAR SELECTION"- WINE ENTHUSIAST

"VERY RICH, RIPE AND DRAMATICALLY TEXTURED, THIS HAS EXPLOSIVE FLAVORS OF BLACKBERRY, CREME DE CASSIS, DRIED HERB AND SMOKED MEAT FLAVORS, ENRICHED BY SMOKY OAK. IT SHOWS THE TOUGH, HARD TANNINS YOU OFTEN FIND IN LOW PRODUCTION MOUNTAIN CABERNETS. MADE BY WELL-KNOWN CONSULTING WINEMAKER, PHILIPPE MELKA, IT HAS THE STRUCTURE OF A WINE THAT NEEDS AGE. GIVE AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS, AND COULD BE A WINE THAT LASTS DECADES."

Vintage: 2009  
Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon  
AVA: Napa Valley  
Harvest Date: October 2, 2009  
Alcohol: 14.8%  
pH: 4.18  
Brix: 27

Fermentation: 100% stainless steel  
Aging: 100% French Oak;  
28% New French Oak  
Bottling Date: November 11, 2011  
Production: 205 Cases