



PARALLEL NAPA VALLEY

2009 BLACK DIAMOND RESERVE NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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."



94 POINTS & "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."

90 POINTS - WINE SPECTATOR

Vintage: 2009

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AVA: Napa Valley

Alcohol: 14.8%

Bottling Date: November 11, 2011

Production: 175 Cases