



# RAMEY

## *Cabernet Sauvignon*

NAPA VALLEY

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### VINEYARDS

<b>Appellation</b>	Napa Valley
<b>Sites</b>	This year included the Somerston hillside vineyard, 40%; DeSantis on the valley floor just north of Zinfandel Lane, 30%; Lamoreaux in Oak Knoll, 15%; Snowden 5%; and 10% from four small parcels.
<b>Soil</b>	Napa Valley soils are primarily composed of broken down or decomposed rock that has been carried downhill from the eastern Vaca range and the western Mayacamas range into the base of the valley where they ultimately intermingle with the silt, clay and gravel deposits of the Napa River flood plain.

### VINTAGE

<b>Growing Season</b>	2008 had a warmer vintage which optimized maturity throughout the growing season. As a result, this vintage produced reds with chewier tannins and is recognized as a great vintage for the Napa Valley.
<b>Brix   Harvest Dates</b>	26.7° average   September 5 though October 18

### WINEMAKING

<b>Varietal Composition</b>	94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot
<b>Fermentation</b>	Native-yeast and full malolactic fermentations.
<b>Aging</b>	Aging on the fine lees incorporates the oak so that the two years spent in 63% new barrels (a mixture of French and American) is barely noticeable. Non-filtered.
<b>Cases   Release Date</b>	4,670   February 2012
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.5%

*"This appellation Cabernet is blended from a combination of hillside and valley floor vineyards. Our style combines the harmony produced by traditional Bordelaise winemaking techniques with the voluptuousness gained from California's weather." - David Ramey*

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