



RAMEY

Pedregal Vineyard.
OAKVILLE - NAPA VALLEY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINEYARDS

Appellation	Oakville
Site	<p>“Pedregal” means a rocky place in Spanish, and that is certainly a distinguishing feature of the site. This is a small, hillside vineyard on the lower slopes of eastern Oakville that's planted to 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Petit Verdot.</p> <p>During 2008 we agreed to a long-term lease of this vineyard that gives us complete control even through any change in ownership, so this is the first vintage we've directed farming ourselves. Our farming team, headed by Mike Neal, planted this vineyard in 1990 and has farmed it continuously since.</p>
Soil	Iron-rich red soil, 85% basalt rock
Clonal Selection	The Cabernet Sauvignon is Clone 7. The Petit Verdot is Sterling selection.
Planted	The Cabernet Sauvignon was planted on St. George and 110R rootstock with 4'x8' spacing in 1990. The Petit Verdot was planted on 110R rootstock with 4'x6' spacing in 1996.

VINTAGE

Growing Season	2008 was 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.
Brix Harvest Dates	26.5° average September 25 th & 27 th

WINEMAKING

Varietal Composition	84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Petit Verdot co-fermented
Fermentation	Native-yeast and full natural malolactic fermentations.
Aging	Aging the 2008 <i>sur lies</i> with monthly <i>bâtonnage</i> has coated the tannins and smoothly integrated the wood. We left this vintage 26 months in 100% new French barrels (Taransaud, Demptos Reserve and Darnajou). Non-filtered.
Cases Release Date	600 February 2011
Alcohol	15%

“This is our fifth vintage from this small, outstanding vineyard on the lower slopes of the eastern Oakville hills.” —David Ramey
