



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 which gives us complete control even through any change in ownership. That year, we began directly farming the vineyard and converted to organic farming methods.</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	The 2009 vintage produced wonderful wines, both red and white, as the vintage came close to ideal. There were steady, moderate temperatures throughout the growing season and no desiccating heat spikes.
Harvest Date(s)	October 7 (Cabernet Sauvignon), October 11 (Petit Verdot)
Brix at Harvest	26.7° (CS), 24.4° (PV)

WINEMAKING

Varietal Composition	92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot co-fermented
Fermentation	Fermented with native yeasts and bacteria
Aging	Aging the 2009 <i>sur lies</i> with monthly bâtonnage has coated the tannins and smoothly integrated the wood. We left this vintage 24 months in completely new French barrels (Taransaud and Darnajou). Non-filtered.
Cases Release Date	540 September 2012
Alcohol	15%

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