



# LADERA

*Napa Valley*

## Wine: 2007 Ladera Napa Valley

**Blend:** 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Malbec, 3% Petite Verdot

**Vineyard Notes:** The 2007 Ladera Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of our two excellent estate vineyards.

The Howell Mountain vineyard is located at an elevation of 1600 to 1800 feet, with gently rolling terrain. The soils are iron-rich, red, clay loam soils with an abundance of gravel for excellent drainage. Because of the elevation, the climate is very different from the valley floor of Napa. It tends to be above the fog line in the summer and so receives sun for a longer duration during the day. Also because of the higher elevation, the temperatures are cooler in the day and warmer at night than the valley floor.

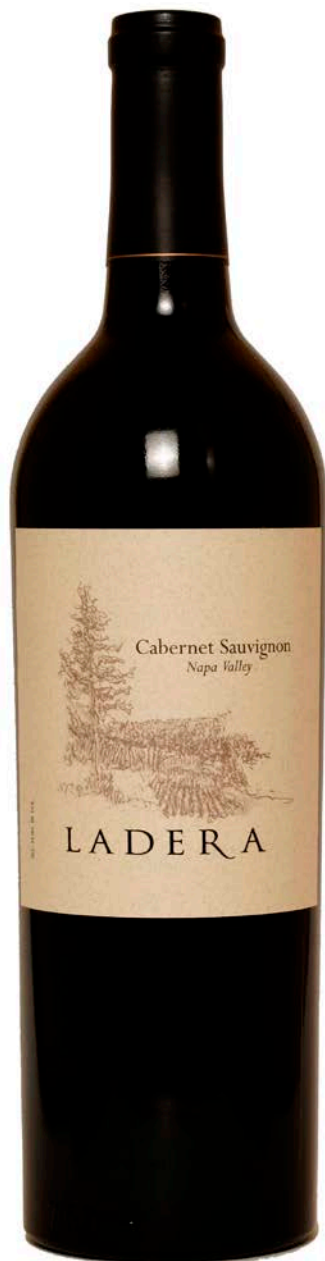
Lone Canyon Vineyard is located in mid Napa Valley in the western hills on the flank of Mt Veeder. It totals 480 acres with only 75 acres planted to vineyard. The site is moderate in slope to very steep with elevations up to 1,100 feet above sea level. This vineyard is relatively cool, primarily because of its elevation, but also due to its southerly location in Napa Valley. The soils are very well drained, moderately deep, clay loam.

**Cellar Notes:** The 2007 Ladera Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented using a number of different wine yeasts but primarily (65%) native yeasts. The fermentations finished in 10-12 days. The wine received 0 to 7 days of skin contact after fermentation depending on the wine. It was then barrel aged for 18 months in new (39%) and used French oak barrels, and was bottled March 3, 2009.

**Winemaker Notes:** The 2007 Ladera Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of both estate vineyards equaling 57% from the Howell Mountain vineyard and 43% from Lone Canyon vineyard. Furthermore, this wine is a blend of Bordeaux varietals each of which adds something different to the wine's complexity.

The 2007 vintage was bountiful with high yields of high quality fruit. The growing season began dry with 60% of normal precipitation and some single digit night time temperatures. Spring gave warmer than average temperatures resulting in early bud break, flowering and fruit set. The summer growing season was mild with few days topping 100 degrees. That is, until Labor Day, when temperatures spiked and sugar levels were instantly elevated. This boost of sugars in the vineyards was a blessing and a compliment to the high acid and tannins in the clusters. When all was said and done, we were left with a vintage of exceptional quality.

This wine has aromas of blackberry, cocoa, anise, cola, red licorice and violets with toasted oak and vanilla highlights. The wine attacks the palate softly with dark bold fruit flavors of plum and bramble berry. The tannin structure completes the mid palate and leads to a full yet soft and lush finish. This makes the wine enjoyable now, and should also age well for another 8-10 years.



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