



SEA-FOG 2009



Variety:	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Proprietors:	Brenda Mixson & Thomas Thornton
Winemaker:	Rudy Zuidema
Release Date:	April 2010
Release Price:	\$25 retail per 750ml
Vineyard:	Single Vineyard, Calistoga AVA, Napa Valley
Harvest Date:	August 28, 2009
Label:	Robert Louis Stevenson described the “sea-fogs” enveloping Mount Saint Helena in his book “The Silverado Squatters”. These early morning sea-fogs Complement the warm days of this region of the upper Napa Valley.
Alcohol:	14.2%
Panel:	3.07 pH; 0.69 g/100ml Titratable Acid; 0.38/100ml Volatile Acidity
Production:	300 cases

Fermentation Note: The wine was whole-clustered pressed with 90% fermentation in stainless steel tanks and 10% fermentation in 11-year old neutral French Oak barrels over a three month period. This evolving process results in more weight to the mid-palate expressed as richness, creamy texture and a yeasty champagne character. The solid lees were stirred while in barrels to bring out a nuttiness that contributes complexity to its core flavors and creates fine texture on its crisp finish.

Tasting Notes: “This wine shows the intense varietal character of a 100% pure Sauvignon Blanc grown in one of the warmest regions of Napa Valley – at the foot of Mount Saint Helena in Calistoga. The warm climate of the upper valley location produces ripe flavors that take this wine far beyond the herbal grassy tones of Sauvignon Blanc from cooler regions. The low pH soils of the vineyard reveal mineral notes and a perceptible brightness to the wine’s acid profile.”

“The aromas are fresh and rich with tropical notes and more minerality than the 2008. The middle is very complex and offers a solid core of flavors including notes of citrus rind, fig, hazelnut and grains. The long finish ends with mango and a delicate yeasty note combining with a silky texture. It reminds you of a walk on a wet beach!”



THE GRADE *2004*



Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Proprietors:	Brenda Mixson & Thomas Thornton
Winemaker:	Rudy Zuidema
Release Date:	April 2008
Release Price:	\$80 retail per 750ml
Vineyard:	Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown), Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA (Napa Valley)
Harvest Date:	September 29 & 30, 2004
Tons/acre:	1.66
Vines:	Block 1 – Clone 7, Rootstock 110-R Block 2 & 4 – Clone 337, Rootstock 101-14
Cooperage:	60% New French Oak, 40 % Neutral French Oak
Aging:	21 months in barrel
Alcohol:	14.4%
Production:	240 cases

"This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is brimming with the essence of Calistoga. Its dark purple and blue pigments seem to stain the glass, while the aromas of slightly dusty raspberry, cherry, white chocolate and brown sugar jump out.

On the palate, its very complex flavor profile is driven by ripe strawberry, chocolate and crisp black cherry pulling along more subtle flavors including leather, spice and fresh earth. Oak only plays a supporting role here, allowing the focused Cabernet fruit to take center stage. The texture is solid and rich – true to the 2004 growing season."

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THE GRADE *2005*



Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Proprietors:	Brenda Mixson & Thomas Thornton
Winemaker:	Rudy Zuidema
Release Date:	April 2008
Release Price:	\$80 retail per 750ml
Vineyard:	Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown), Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA (Napa Valley)
Harvest Date:	October 14, 2005
Tons/acre:	2.38
Vines:	Block 1 – Clone 7, Rootstock 110-R (3.5T) Block 2 & 4 – Clone 337, Rootstock 101-14 (0.9 T) Block 3 – Clone 7, Rootstock 1103 Paulson (0.5T) Block 5 – Clone 337, Rootstock SO4 (0.5 T)
Cooperage:	100% French Oak from Demptos Bordeaux Medium Toast, Toasted Heads
Aging:	22 months in barrel
Alcohol:	14.8%
Production:	270 cases

“The 2005 vintage was very long and quite cool as they go in Calistoga. A mid-October harvest brought very rich and ripe aromatics of crushed blackberries, raspberry, maple, brown sugar, and chocolate to the wine. The extra time on the vines concentrated the flavors, resulting in a wine with many layers.”

This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is full-bodied with plenty of silky tannins and a long, balanced finish of cocoa, caramel, spice and lush berry.”

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THE GRADE *2006*



Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Proprietors:	Brenda Joyce Mixson & Thomas Winfield Thornton
Winemaker:	Rudy Zuidema
Release Date:	April 2010
Release Price:	\$80 retail per 750ml
Vineyard:	Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown), Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA (Napa Valley)
Harvest Date:	October 10, 2006
Tons/acre:	2.7
Vines:	Block #1 – Clone 7, Rootstock 110-R Block #2 & #4 – Clone 337, Rootstock 101-14
Cooperage:	100% French Oak from Treuil and Jarnac
Aging:	21 months in barrel
Alcohol:	14.4%
Panel:	3.69 pH, 0.67 g/100mL Titratable Acid, 0.054 g/100mL Volatile Acidity
Production:	254 cases

“Our 2006 Cabernet has the distinctive expression of our Calistoga District vineyard, which shows how long-sighted farming practices bring out deep character and authenticity in the wine.”

“This single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon offers so many different levels of flavors and very complex aromas. This is accomplished by carefully blending multiple wine lots from different soil profiles, clones, and rootstock selections throughout the property. The wine has a solid core of rich rhubarb, ripe cherry and licorice flavors. These are supported by cedar, dark roast coffee, and minty brown sugar. The texture is balanced and harmonious bringing a wealth of ripe tannins together with juicy bright acidity. A lick of vanilla and dark currant invite you back for more.”

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THE GRADE *2007*



Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Proprietors:	Brenda Joyce Mixson & Thomas Winfield Thornton
Winemaker:	Rudy Zuidema
Release Date:	January 2011
Release Price:	\$80 retail per 750ml
Vineyard:	Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown), Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA (Napa Valley)
Harvest Date:	October 2, 2007
Tons:	4.963
Vines:	Block #1 – Clone 7, Rootstock 110-R Block #2 & #4 – Clone 337, Rootstock 101-14
Cooperage:	100% French Oak from Treuil and Jarnac
Aging:	21 months in barrel
Alcohol:	14.3%
Panel:	3.69 pH, 0.67 g/100mL Titratable Acid, 0.054 g/100mL Volatile Acidity
Production:	270 cases

“The 2007 vintage is a pure expression of the maturity of the vineyard and a perfect growing season of even temperatures and extended hang time through an Indian Summer. Whoever thought a Cabernet Sauvignon could be rich ‘n creamy and Calistoga-dusty at the same time? That’s cool.”

“The dark ruby red color glows from the wealth of mouth-happy flavors within. The wine opens with layers of jammy blackberry and mulberry, soothing mocha and tobacco and hints of mint and eucalyptus all of which swirl into a long rich finish of caramel, molasses and cherry pie. It reminds you of walking through a misty cedar-filled forest in your new leather boots.”

“This wine is vibrant, yet graceful. The tannins are super rich, yet refined. The textures are balanced, yet seamless. The 2007 vintage is imminently drinkable, but also nicely acidic to be put down for many years.”

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