



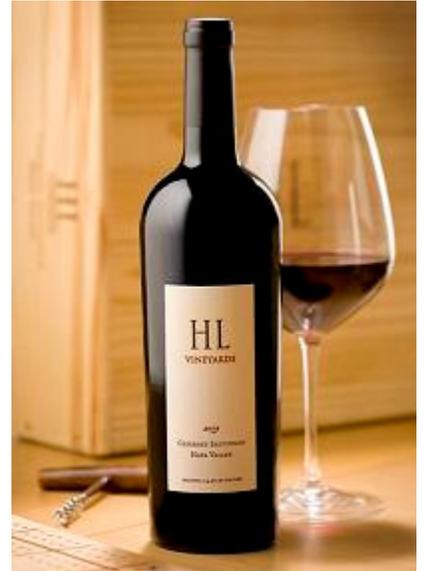
Herb Lamb Vineyards 2009 HL Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaking Notes

Winemaker Mike Trujillo calls this "a more structured vintage than some, not as plump and fruit driven, but producing a more linear and focused wine. This wine has a lovely bouquet with a balance that is perfect for the weight of the wine. The nose is seamless, expressive and pretty, showing red fruits and a rich blueberry reduction. In the mouth you sense a richness of fig, ripe plum, deep black cherry and blackberry.

You can feel the finesse and elegance on the palate that highlights the sweet red fruit flavors - cherry, currant, raspberry and red licorice. There are spicy, toasted oak flavors with silky, elegant tannins which are muted in the background, as an extra element giving balance to the wine."

Although this vintage may appear tighter in its youth, the 2009 HL Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon has mature fruits and tannins showing complexity and layers that will develop as it ages. There is a lingering finish highlighting flavors which will fold in nicely with a few more months of ageing - definitely worth the wait to mature. Pair it with a rich, roasted meat dish with lots of natural fats - a juicy prime rib or well-seasoned bar-b-que'd salmon would pair beautifully! Drink from 4-8 years.



Vintage Notes

The 2009 growing season started with a dry spring, but rain showers in May that recharged the vines. A moderate summer followed with lots of healthy canopy growth, creating more and bigger bunches. Most of the young vines were just hitting their stride, having been replanted from the original 1988 vineyard from 2002 to 2004. Only a few summer heat spikes, instead of multiple days in the 100's, made the summer a mild one, where fruit was able to ripen evenly and consistently.

The big shock came at harvest, with two rainstorms that caught everybody by surprise in mid-September and again mid-October with over 6 inches of rain! The grape bunches plumped with the rains, making the tonnage even greater than expected, and we picked as quickly as possible, realizing that the weather was not going to get any better. The ripeness of the fruit and the acids were amazingly well balanced at harvest. The 2009 HL Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested from the main block at the Herb Lamb Vineyards on October 17th.

Technical Data

Alcohol:	14.4%
Composition:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Barrels:	80% New French Oak
Vineyards:	Herb Lamb Vineyard
Cases Produced:	330