



RED DIAMOND

2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

THE WINE

Red Diamond celebrates the personality of Washington's distinctive red wines. Layers of luscious flavors are revealed in each bottle, exuding style and confidence. This Cabernet is multi-faceted and complex with layers of berry, cherry and toasted oak flavors.

THE YEAR

The 2009 growing season was perfect with dry, warm weather and lots of sunshine. Although bloom was delayed slightly by cool spring weather, warm temperatures soon returned and perfect ripening weather lasted through September. A freeze in the Columbia Valley on the night of October 10th led to a slightly early end to the harvest season. However most grapes were already picked or had already reached a good level of maturity. Overall the 2009 vintage produced red wines with lots of natural acidity and fruit-forward flavors.

HOW WE MADE IT

After harvest, the grapes were destemmed, crushed and inoculated with Premier Cuvée and Pasteur Red yeasts. To extract the ruby red color and tannins out of the skins, pump-overs and punch-downs were performed twice daily. After 7 – 12 days of fermentation on the skins, the wine was pressed off to capture the fruit-forward characteristics typical of Washington state grapes. The wine was aged in a mix of American and French oak barrels for 12 months.

JUST THE FACTS

Where it's from:	Diverse vineyards throughout Washington state
Alcohol:	13.5%
Total Acidity:	0.53
pH:	3.71
Harvest:	October 8, 2009



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