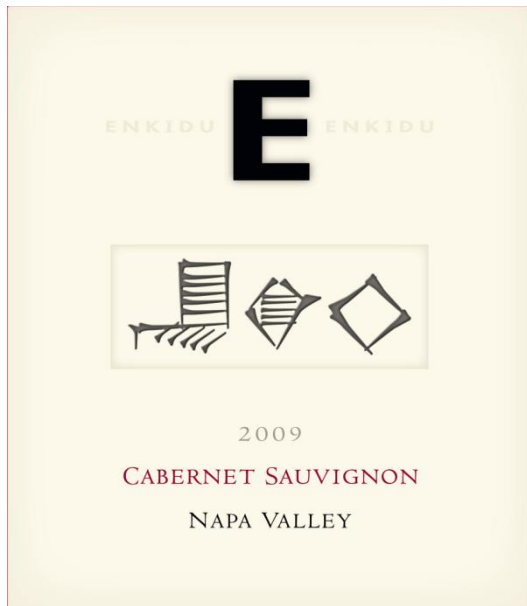


ENKIDU



2009 "E" Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



Place and vine:

The Enkidu "E" wines are crafted in the same style of all of our wines: with balance, complexity, and harmony. The 2009 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was created from fruit grown in the Tamber Bey Cabernet vineyard near Rutherford in the Napa Valley. A small amount of mountain grown Petite Sirah, from the Diener Ranch in the the Red Hills of Lake County, was added for structure and complexity.

What we think:

Our first Napa Valley Cabernet bottling provides sweet cassis and black cherry aromas and flavors with just a hint of dried herbs and saddle leather. The 2009 vintage shows a good tannic backbone that provides a framework for the complex fruit. While this balanced wine shows very well now, consuming 6 months after bottling will be rewarded with softer tannins and greater complexity. Drink well!

Harvest Oct. 22, 2009

Brix: 23.8°

pH: 3.62

T.A.: 6.1 gms/L

Cooperage: All French – 20% New

Bottled: March 4, 2011

445 cases produced

What we did:

With our Cabernet we performed a four day cold soak after we completely destemmed the fruit. After two weeks, we pressed directly to barrel, of which 20% were new French Oak. Every four months we performed a racking off the gross lees and splashed heavily as we returned the wine to barrel. This wine went through a loose filtration, and was not fined. Bottling occurred 16 months after fermentation was complete.