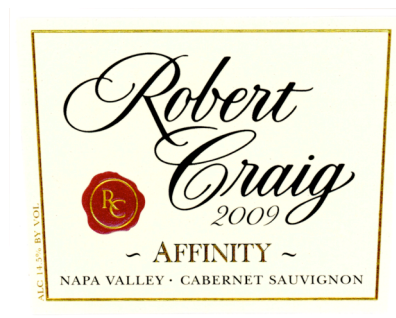


2009 Affinity
Napa Valley
Cabernet Sauvignon

Blend: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon,
6% Petit Verdot, 5% Merlot,
2% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Franc

Total Production: 6000 cases



WINEMAKER NOTES Created by Robert Craig in 1993, this classic Napa Valley Bordeaux-style Cabernet Sauvignon is always predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon. Petit Verdot is added to the blend for concentrated flavors and a touch of Malbec for further weight, complimented by silky Merlot and Cabernet Franc spice. The fruit is hand-picked, hand-sorted and kept in separate lots during fermentation and barrel aging. Unfiltered and unfined.

VINEYARD SOURCE The Affinity estate vineyard is located to the south of Stag's Leap, in the southeastern foothills of Mt. George. Average yield: 2.8 tons/acre. Elevation: Varied foothills elevations and exposures. Soils: Sparse, rocky alluvial. The Bordeaux-like growing conditions produce concentrated black-red Cabernet fruit that provides the foundation for a full-bodied wine of great power and elegance.

TASTING NOTES *Aroma:* Complex fragrance of black cherry, blackberry, cassis and dark espresso, with underlying crushed granite and floral notes of dusty rose petal and violets. *Flavors:* Rich, concentrated black and red fruit flavors are wide and deep. Sleek, silky tannins bring substantial weight to the mid-palate, topped with layers of cassis, graphite, roasted coffee and violets. *Finish:* The sweet tannins stride down the finish, bringing along black pepper, cigar box spice and a pronounced minerality. *General:* A dense, racy and balanced Cabernet Sauvignon, perfect for a ribeye. Decanting is recommended.

WINE INFORMATION *Harvest dates:* September 23 – October 30
Average sugar: 24.7 Brix; *TA:* .61; *pH:* 3.77
Alcohol: 14.3%
Barrel Aging: 17 months in Chateau-style French oak barrels, 60% new and 40% second year; unfiltered and unfined
Bottling Date: April 2011
Release Date: March 2012
Price: California suggested retail price is \$50.00 per bottle.

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