



## Mission Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

**2009 is a very good Cabernet vintage that has turned out succulent, robust red wines. They are classic and may turn out to be the best wines of the vintage.**

### Viticulture

The fruit was sourced from the warmest inland sites in Hawke's Bay and grown on free draining, stony soils. These vineyards were carefully managed with low crop loads to ensure fully ripened fruit. We used the techniques of leaf plucking around the bunches and fruit thinning to give a balanced crop load. Fruit was harvested at close to 24 Brix.

### Winemaking

Produced sustainably, the blend is 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot. The grapes spent an average time on skins of over 30 days during fermentation, with 14 days post-fermentation maceration. There were minimal pump-overs to avoid over extraction. MLF followed and then the wines were oak aged.

### Characteristics

This Cabernet Sauvignon has deep colour, blackberry, smoke and floral aromas on the nose. The palate is medium to full bodied with good fruit intensity and freshness. It is a wine with good structure that is well balanced with good fruit intensity and has the ability to age for some years.

### Cellar Potential

Made for drinking now but will develop over the next five years.

<b>Alcohol</b>	13.8 %
<b>Acidity</b>	5.3 g/l
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	Dry
<b>PH Level</b>	3.71

PO BOX 7043, TARADALE, NAPIER | PHONE (64) 6 845 9350  
FAX (64) 6 844 6023 | WWW.MISSIONESTATE.CO.NZ

