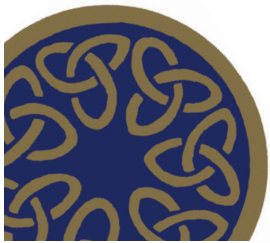


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Ciel du Cheval *Vineyard*

RED MOUNTAIN
Vintage Red Wine



2009

ALCOHOL 14.2% BY VOLUME

CIEL DU CHEVAL 2009/Red Mountain

Vineyard: Ciel du Cheval 100 %

Grapes: Merlot 39%, Cabernet Sauvignon 35 %
Petit Verdot 15%, Cabernet Franc 11%

Vintage Season: Late start, warm summer, rapid ripening,
normal yield

Barrels: French Oak, 40% new, 20 months

Time in cellar: Bottled May, 2011

Aroma: Blackberry, cherry, marzipan, pepper

Taste: Sweet, warm ripe fruit, tannin, spice

Alcohol: 14.2%

Lot size: 525 cases & 25 cases of Magnums produced

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2009 Vintage had a late start, with a warm summer accelerating the ripening period to normal to early dates. The vintage showcases fruit character and ripeness, while tannin and acidity takes a backseat in contrast to 2008. Merlot from the 1976 block predominates in this vintage's blend by a small amount, lending an overall softer more fruit driven approach than 2008. The Petit Verdot percentage is relatively high, accentuating the rose petal, blackberry and coffee bean notes. As for previous vintages, this bottling delivers that complex interplay of ripe red and black fruits, savory and floral character, and a well matched structure-fruit balance. Very lengthy, layered finish. Expect a solid 6-8 years of development in the cellar, and possibly longer.

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