



2009 DYER Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley

Site Description: Dyer Vineyard is a 2.3 acre vineyard situated on a bench, mid-slope on Diamond Mountain. The exposition is north facing and the slope is 7-10%. The site is probably an ancient land slide- rocky with fine volcanic soil and gravel ranging from ash to richer red soils. The site was planted to vineyard in 1993 by Bill and Dawnine Dyer.

Winemaking Philosophy: We favor a restrained, balanced style of winemaking that cultivates the unique characteristics of our vineyard. Over 15 years we have refined the varietal selection in our vineyard on Diamond Mountain to Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. All 3 varieties are harvested on the same day and co-fermented. We employ a short (3-5 day) cold soak prior to the fermentation, the maximum temperature of fermentation is 85 degrees F, and following a light pressing, the wine is put directly into French oak barrels- total maceration time varies by vintage. ML takes place in the barrel and the wine is aged in French oak for a total of 20 months.

Vintage Notes: A warm and rainy Spring following a dry winter, ensured sufficient ground moisture for the season. A mild summer set up a delayed harvest, but some heat in early October brought grapes to the threshold of ripeness. A massive early season storm approached the coast, and we hedged our bet by picking half the vineyard before 5" of rain deluged Diamond Mountain. However, it was the other half left to hang on the vine until October 26 that produced the best flavors, and we chose to bottle only this portion. 171 cases produced

Tasting Notes: Bright garnet color. Blackberry cassis aromas with hints of violet, anise, & sandalwood. Lush & juicy on the palate. Bright acidity and a steely mineral quality. Fine, lingering tannins provide a firm but supple finish.

Blend: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon
19% Cabernet Franc
5% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 13.9%
pH: 3.8
TA: 5.5 g/l

Winemakers: Bill & Dawnine Dyer

