

2009 “Single Vineyard” Barbera Lake County

History

In 1861 Lake County was created from parts of Napa and Mendocino counties and has since been well known as a farming community.

In the 1870s vineyards were planted and by the early 1900s the area was already earning its reputation for producing “**World’s greatest wines**”. Prohibition forced an end to the Lake County wine production in 1920; most of the vineyards were removed and replaced with walnut and pear orchards.

The comeback of the wine industry began in the 1960s when a few growers rediscovered the area’s grape growing potential and once again began planting vineyards. Lake County now has more than 8,800 acres of planted vineyards, which is a significant increase from less than 100 acres they had planted in 1965. This area has also seen the recent establishment of several American Viticultural areas such as **High Valley** and Red Hills-Lake County. We are proud to say that Lake County contains many vineyards that support the California Wine Institute’s Code of Sustainable farming practices

Winemaking Notes

The grapes used to produce our 2009 Shannon Ridge Single Vineyard Barbera were picked from our High Valley Vineyards in Lake County. They were allowed to hang on the vines long enough for the acid to come into balance. We did a long cold soak on the skins to improve color and enhance the fresh fruit. The fruit was pressed at dryness and put through Malo-lactic fermentation. Aged in French and American oak to enhance the creamy vanilla mouthfeel.

Tasting Notes

Color: Deep purple/Garnet

Aroma: Black cherry, vanilla, dark chocolate

Flavor: Blackberry, ripe cherries, spice

Texture: Full body, rich, well balanced with a lush, velvety finish

Technical Data

Alcohol:	14.9%
Total Acidity:	.70
pH:	3.35
Residual Sugar:	.40
Composition/Blend:	100% Barbera
Appellation:	Lake County, High Valley
Barrels:	French and American
Time in Barrels:	14 months
Cases Produced:	1250

Suggested Retail: \$29.99

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