

2009 “Ranch Collection” Cabernet Sauvignon-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 Lake County Cabernet Sauvignon were harvested from several different blocks from our family’s vineyards in High Valley and Red hills appellations in Lake County, California. Deep color and flavors were achieved with gentle handling, controlled fermentation and some extended maceration. Aged in French and American oak to help create a balanced soft mouthfeel.

Tasting Notes

Color: Deep Garnet, Ruby

Aroma: Black Cherry, Dark Berry, Vanilla, Spice

Flavor: Bing Cherry, Dark Raspberry, Creamy Vanilla

Texture: Rich, Well balanced with a long finish

Technical Data

Alcohol:	14.5%
Total Acidity:	.59
pH:	3.64
Residual Sugar:	.50
Composition/Blend:	88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Syrah, 5% Petite Sirah, 1% Malbec
Appellation:	Lake County
Barrels:	French and American
Time in Barrels:	16 Months
Cases Produced:	13,800

Suggested Retail: \$19.00

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