

# Tasting Notes

## 2009 Nota Bene

Bud Break:	April 29, 2009
Veraison:	August 1, 2009
Oak Regime:	80% French, 20% American
Barrel Age:	1/3 new barrel, 1/3 one year old and 1/3 two year old
Primary Coopers:	Sylvain, Keystone, Radoux, Alain Fouquet and Saury
Harvest Dates:	October 1 - 10, 2009
Bottling Dates:	September 1 - 3, 2010
Final Blend:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 46% Cabernet Sauvignon</li><li>• 38% Merlot</li><li>• 16% Cabernet Franc</li></ul>
Alcohol:	14.1%

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## Winemaker's Notes

The 2009 growing season gave us amazing ripe fruit with great flavour and smooth developed tannins. The nose exhibits bright red fruit with plum and cassis. The rich palate displays complex black cherry, strawberry and dark cocoa. This wine has great balance, soft silky tannin and a smooth long finish. Can be decanted and enjoyed now and has great cellaring potential.

GRAHAM PIERCE, WINEMAKER

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## 2009 Vineyard Notes

The 2009 growing season started off with a cool spring which resulted in a later than normal bud break. Excellent growing conditions enabled rapid vine growth and the vineyard caught up quickly. Steady warm and dry conditions graced the valley throughout the summer months and into the fall, which made for an exceptional fruit set and early ripening of the grapes. The result was fruit of first rate quality, some of the best we have ever seen.

STEVE CARBERRY, WINEGROWER

