



## **Annabella 2009 North Coast Cabernet Sauvignon**

25% Napa Valley

50% Lake County Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Hills AVA

25% Mendocino County Cabernet Sauvignon, Potter Valley AVA

Aged in French oak for 14 months

This Cabernet Sauvignon has a medium brick red color which illustrates the length of barrel aging. This fine North Coast Cabernet is elegant in its forward ripe bing cherry profile. There is a fine sweet brown sugar note behind the fruit which provides depth before folding into some earthy peppery tones with leather and truffle notes. The palate is super rich and juicy with dark fruit flavors, cassis, plum and integrated cherry vanilla flavors which finish supple and silky.

Overall, the wine reminds us of many right bank Clarets and other interesting big reds such as Cabernet Franc from Priorat.

This wine pairs well with a juicy rib eye steak and pomme frites or try a sirloin salad of arugula and fennel, dressed with a mushroom vinaigrette. The wine stands up to a rich chocolate cake for dessert as well.

This 2009 North Coast entry is a great wine to drink now while you are waiting for some of your cellar candidates to mature or to have before you pop the big bottle. Be prepared for it to taste better than the trophy you pull; you've been warned. Drink now through 2016.