

CUDA RIDGE *Wines*

**Winemakers Notes: 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon
Livermore Valley**

Description: This gem offers tantalizing aromas of tobacco, cedar and fine leather, like walking into a Coach store. Then your mouth is flooded by spicy dark chocolate brownie flavors, mixed with cassis, pomegranate and pepper. Wonderfully sturdy yet supple tannins are driven by fabulous acidity, engaging every part of your mouth. The complete experience is akin to a juicy blackberry turnover with a lemon glaze.

This wine has the structure to cellar nicely for up to 10 years, and in 3-5 years, will be even more delectably delightful. Enjoy with a rib-eye steak, finished off with a splash of blackberry balsamic and red Hawaiian salt.

Varietals: 75% Galles Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley
15% One Oak Vineyard Merlot, Livermore Valley
6% Smith Ranch Vineyard Petit Verdot, Livermore Valley
3% White Cat Vineyard Cabernet Franc, Livermore Valley
1% White Cat Vineyard Malbec, Livermore Valley

Vineyard: The Galles vineyard is a 3 acre family vineyard perched on a hill on the eastern side of Livermore. Galles vineyard is just North/East of Greenville and Tesla intersection. The Galles vineyard is meticulously managed by the Galles family and pruned to a target yield of no more than 3 ton per acre. The Galles vineyard is located on a rolling hill, the fruit on the higher elevations ripen sooner than the valley floor. The fruit is usually picked on 2 or 3 dates to get the perfect flavors and chemistry (ph, TA, and Brix). The location gets high winds in the afternoon thus having a significant cooling of the grapes in late afternoon which help produce the complexity and finesse of this Bordeaux style Cabernet.

Awards: **Silver Medal, 2012 SF Chronicle Wine Competition**

Cases Produced: 141

Harvest Date: September 25, 2009 (Cabernet Sauvignon)
23.8 Brix

Barrel Treatment: Barrel aged for 18 months in 50% New French Oak.

Vital Statistics:

TA .65 g/100ml

pH: 3.49

Al 13.8 % Alcohol by Volume

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