



HALTER RANCH VINEYARD

2009 ANCESTOR ESTATE RESERVE

Blend: 30% Petit Verdot
29% Malbec
29% Syrah
12% Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvest Dates: Petit Verdot - Block 23 10/2/09
Malbec - Block 42 10/2/09
Syrah - Block 22 10/8/09
Cabernet Sauvignon - Block 41 10/10/09

Fermentation: Destemmed and fermented in closed-top fermentors with punch-downs and pump-overs twice daily for 21 days.

Aging: Aged 20 months in French oak barrels, 80% of which were new.

Alcohol: 15.5%

pH: 3.53

TA: 7.0 g/L

Bottled: July 26, 2011

Production: 800 cases (750ml)

TASTING NOTES

Ancestor, is Halter Ranch's (predominantly) Bordeaux varietal reserve offering. Each year our winemaker blends *Ancestor* from his favorite barrels. In addition to 3 Bordeaux varietals, the 2009 *Ancestor* includes a healthy dose of Syrah. It offers a seductive, complex aroma of ripe black fruits, cedar, green olive, and sweet vanilla with dramatically concentrated black fruit flavors that are elegant despite the wine's power, depth and concentration. *Ancestor* pairs well with beef, lamb and game. This wine will develop beautifully in bottle for the next 10-15 years.

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