



Harvest & Varietal Information

VINEYARDS: 100% Cain Vineyard, Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley

VARIETIES: 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot

PRODUCTION: 3,556 cases RELEASE DATE: January 1, 2013

100% Cain Vineyard—Estate Bottled

2008 was dramatic for the vineyards of northern California. Between the frost, rain, fire, smoke, heat, and rain (again), one had to pay close attention at every stage during the growing season and during the wine-making. The result: while there is not very much of this wine, we think it has been worth the effort. For the best vineyard sites and the most meticulous winegrowing teams, 2008 will be seen as a classic year in the Napa Valley.

Though it was a late year, the small crop and a few hot spells speeded things up, and despite the low yield, we had to selectively remove fruit to ensure uniform ripening. We picked our way through the vineyard and were almost done by mid-October. This was just as well, because the end of harvest was abruptly punctuated by heavy rain on the first of November.

We love the 2008 Cain Five, perhaps because of all the work we put into it, or perhaps because its elegance and well-defined structure seem almost effortless—the wine transcends our craft. Due to the low yields and relatively late ripening, the Cain Five is fresh and firmly structured, with potential for long and consistent aging. This marks the second vintage of our return to 100% Cain Vineyard—Estate Bottled, which means 100% of the grapes were grown in our Cain Vineyard. It is a worthy successor and perfect companion to the 2007. With its floral-herbal perfumed nose, and its juicy, mouth-wateringly vibrant palate, it could only be the Cain Vineyard.

About Cain Vineyard & Winery

Cain Vineyard & Winery overlooks St. Helena from the top of Spring Mountain in the western mountains of Napa Valley. The estate vineyard is planted to the classic set of five varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. We make three wines: Cain Cuvée; Cain Concept, representing the classical benchlands of the Napa Valley; and our signature blend, Cain Five.

Christopher Howell, Winemaker/General Manager