



## CURRENT RELEASES 2011

2009  
**RED SHOULDER RANCH®**  
**CHARDONNAY**  
NAPA VALLEY • CARNEROS

### ELEGANT AND ENTICING

The lengthy, cool, mild summer of 2009 allowed the fruit to hang under near-ideal conditions for a long, long time creating a wine with lush, luxurious aromas and flavors of melon, honeysuckle, apricot, pineapple and flint all held together with bright acidity, good structure and elegant balance.

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*"This has been a blockbuster, knock-out effort that is completely different from other non-malolactic California Chardonnays."*

— **ROBERT M. PARKER, JR.,**  
**THE WINE ADVOCATE**

2008  
**MERLOT**  
NAPA VALLEY

### INTENSE AND TANTALIZING

This Merlot emerges from a vintage that got underway with a cool start, putting us on course for smaller clusters. Spring and summer offered warm, sunny days and chilly nights. As we had hoped those cool-weather clusters were laden with rich flavors and aromas of red cherry, raspberry, and red plum, with a lengthy, pleasing finish.

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*"One of California's top Merlots."*

— **ROBERT M. PARKER JR.,**  
**THE WINE ADVOCATE**

2007  
**HILLSIDE SELECT®**  
NAPA VALLEY • STAGS LEAP DISTRICT

### ELEGANT AND POWERFUL

2007 offered everything a Cabernet Sauvignon vine loves. The season started dry and warm leading to ideal conditions for summer-long fruit development. The dry spring gave us smaller-than-usual clusters, which resulted in berries with outstanding concentration and a wine that's a feast of dark, dazzling fruits and silky, elegant tannins.

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*"...undeniably one of the New World's most profound Cabernet Sauvignons..."*

— **ROBERT M. PARKER JR.,**  
**THE WINE ADVOCATE**

2008  
**ONE POINT FIVE®**  
**CABERNET SAUVIGNON**  
NAPA VALLEY • STAGS LEAP DISTRICT

### RICH AND AROMATIC

The 2008 growing season started early, when winter chill was still in the air, setting the stage for vines with smaller clusters. A lengthy spring and summer offered warm, sunny days and cool nights. These classic Stags Leap District conditions, combined with less fruit, created a ripe, inky Cabernet and dense with rich aromas and flavor.

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*"[Shafer produces] Cabernet that defines the Stags Leap District."*

— **WINE & SPIRITS**

2008  
**RELENTLESS®**  
NAPA VALLEY

### BOLD AND CONCENTRATED

This blend of Syrah and Petite Sirah comes from the cool 2008 vintage which gave us a long steady summer for fruit development. At harvest a gentle heat spell nudged the fruit to ideal ripeness transforming beautifully into a wine that's liquid midnight – dark, spicy, and lush.

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*"If ever a name was well-chosen, 'Relentless' fits this utterly bombastic wine."*

— **CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA WINE**

