



## 2008 So Rare Cabernet Sauvignon

### Technical Data

Varietal :	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Vineyard:	Bella Oaks
Appellation:	Rutherford, Napa Valley
Harvest Date:	September 25, 2008
Production:	335 cases
Alcohol:	14.31%
TA:	6
pH:	3.64

In 1984, we planted Cabernet Franc on a small 2-acre vineyard plot in the southern Rutherford Appellation off of Bella Oaks Road. It was the best Cabernet Franc we had ever tasted and, when phyloxera hit the vines and we had to pull them out, we replanted Merlot on the same site. Our premium Windfall Merlot came from this vineyard for years until we had a problem with nematodes. Once again, we had to rip out the existing vines and replant – so, since both Cabernet Franc and Merlot did extremely well in this soil and climate, we thought we would try to hit a trifecta of Bordeaux varietals by planting Cabernet Sauvignon. The result is this first vintage of So Rare Cabernet Sauvignon – it has its own unique personality that is “so rare”.

The fruit was 100% handpicked and sorted, and transferred to a stainless fermentation tank where it underwent a “cold soak” for 4 days at 55F. This allows the wine to extract much of its color without the influence of alcohol, resulting in a wine that exhibits softer tannins. The wine was then aged for a period of 20 months in 100% French oak barrels from a number of different cooperages - mostly sourced from the Allier and Trancas forests. The 2008 So Rare Cabernet Sauvignon boasts full fruit characteristics of cherry, cassis, with a hint of raspberry. This wine’s bright and lush fruit characteristics are all attributed to the vineyard, once again proving its quality. Enjoy now or continue to cellar several more years.