



2007 pureCru Cabernet Sauvignon

- Appellation:** Napa Valley
- Composition:** 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot
- Winemaking:** Each lot was punched Cap fermented and barrel aged for 36 months in selected French Oak barrels and then blended just a few weeks before bottling.
- Tasting notes:** Currants with notes of oak, minerals, clove and olive in the nose. On the palate there is fruit flavors of currants, berries and black plums, with a hint of dark chocolate. Balanced and bright, yet supple in the mouth.
- Production:** 450 Cases
- Comments:** As I have done over the years, my Cabernet Sauvignons tend to be Bordeaux-like blends using more than one variety. For some this may look like a Meritage blend, but it is a Cab that promises to be more versatile for a wider range of cuisine. We have priced this to be an extremely good value in today's world of Napa Cabernets. While this may be a later release for a 2007, we want to let everyone know that this is timed to be followed by our 2009! We are not doing any 2008s at pureCru. The '07s were such a great vintage and we found 2008 to be problematic at best. Don't get me wrong, there are some wonderful '08s. But it was year of frosts and freezes in the vineyards odd fruit sets, followed by huge fires in the hills before harvests causing smoke taint that manifested itself some of the wines in some areas. Many 08's seemed more retarded and raw in their evolvment. Then when I started looking at the wonderful developing 2009s, I elected to skip ahead to what I see as a more exciting vintage, at least, for me and my wines.

