



Three Blocks

Bordeaux Blend Sonoma Valley

Structured. Influential. Proud.

Grown in the heart of Sonoma Valley, Three Blocks is a signature wine. The individuality of the vineyard, the fingerprint of the vintage and the acumen of the winemaker are joined in each bottle. Expressing the marks of these three forces — earth, nature, and man — is fundamental to our mission, our philosophy and the wine we call Signaterra.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Earth: Rocky soils produce grapes with round, soft, almost sweet tannins, which are exactly what we are after for Three Blocks. The low fertility soils of Sonoma Valley have excellent drainage, meaning strong roots must develop in order to find water. Vines with deep root penetration are also best able to capture the distinctiveness of the growing site. To capture this authenticity, grapes for Three Blocks are predominately grown using Biodynamic® methods.

Nature: Tucked in the eastern foothills of the Mayacamas Mountains in the heart of Sonoma Valley, the Cabernet and Merlot selected for Three Blocks are grown in vineyard blocks positioned for optimum sun exposure, so the grapes ripen evenly. Tall tree lines surround the vineyard, protecting the sites from the sometimes fierce Sonoma Valley winds. The parcels chosen for Three Blocks are among the very warmest spots in Sonoma Valley resulting in Bordeaux varietals with complex and fully developed dark fruit flavors.

Man: By our estimate we handle each vine at least 15 times before harvest. We see each opportunity - pruning, thinning, green dropping under-ripe clusters - as a way to check in with the vine and proactively anticipate its needs. Night harvesting ensures that the fruit comes to the Crush Pad cool, fresh and intact. In the cellar, native yeast fermentation and French oak barrel aging add nuance and complexity.

Harvest Date	October 23, 2007
Bottling Date	May 20, 2009
Release Date	August 1, 2010
pH	3.57
Total acid	.55
Alcohol	14.5%
Time in Oak	17 months
Type of Oak	100% French oak 35% new barrels
Production	230 Barrels

TASTING NOTES

Our 2007 vintage of Three Blocks is composed of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon and 24% Merlot. In this blend the structured Cabernet is softened and rounded out by the lush Merlot. In the glass, dark berry flavors are enhanced by aromas of dark chocolate, coffee and pepper. The wine has a weighty mid-palate and smooth, soft tannins.

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