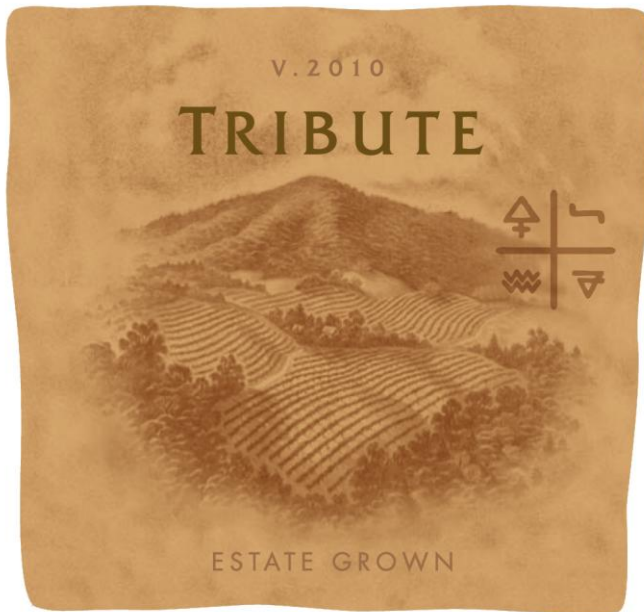


2010 TRIBUTE



VINEYARD | Tribute is a first of its kind. Made entirely from estate-grown grapes, this Bordeaux blend of predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon reveals the complexity and individuality of our Benziger family Sonoma estate. Tribute was the first Demeter-certified Biodynamic® wine from Sonoma County and one of the first from North America.

VINTAGE | 2010 was a year of lower than normal precipitation and cooler temperatures, allowing longer hang times. We received an accelerating heat spell late August that helped to develop fruit sugars, and fortunately September allowed for extended hang time for the flavors to catch up.

FLAVOR PROFILE | Tribute is more than just a Cabernet, it's a destination; it's an experience.

Allow its ample aromas of plum, dewberry, blackberry and tea to move your senses toward our Sonoma borough. Understanding the complexity this wine is able to explicate is half the journey, considering it's sourced from a volcanic ash based soil. Dark berry flavors explode in the mouth, while layers of herb and spicy notes build a complex palate. The finish is caressed with nuances of tobacco, coffee and vanilla. Treat your palate to the palatial feel of this valley's velvety, fine-grain tannins as they take hold in the front, ease their way through the mid-palate and melt into the finish, effortlessly. This wine was created to be able to age for the next 15-18 years.

VINEYARD CERTIFICATION | Biodynamics is the most advanced and holistic form of organic agriculture, in which the farm itself is viewed as a living organism. It is distinguished from organic and sustainable farming by its ability to revitalize and individualize a property. In Biodynamics, we eliminate artificial inputs and minimize interference and manipulation at every stage of the growing and winemaking process. Change in nature starts out slow, but as our property became healthier and more biodiverse, the quality of the wine increased dramatically.

Harvest: October, 2010 | pH: 3.76 | TA: .56 | Alcohol: 14.6% | Fermentation: Native yeasts
Type of Oak: French oak, 40% new | Time in Oak: 20 months | Production: 502 cases
Varietals: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 8% Cab Franc, 4% Petit Verdot