



ALPHA OMEGA

ERA
Napa Valley
2009



ABOUT ALPHA OMEGA

Alpha Omega, established in 2006, is a family-owned, boutique winery in the heart of Napa Valley on the Rutherford Bench. Handcrafting wines from historic and estate-farmed vineyards throughout Napa Valley, Alpha Omega's winemakers combine the Old World's philosophy of balance with the New World's state-of-the-art techniques and natural fruit opulence. The results are wines that uniquely express the essence of the terroir of this legendary wine region through prized vineyards and masterful blending.

WINEMAKER NOTES

In 2009, we had very consistent growing season with stable temperatures which resulted in grapes with a higher acidity due to the temperate season. In October Napa Valley had a major tropical storm which was followed by a less intrusive rain two weeks later. This forced most winemakers to pick prior to the rain. At Alpha Omega we decided to let the fruit hang through the rain to obtain better tannic ripeness. Because we have a quadruple sorting system, we had the ability to sort out any grapes that were not up to our standards. Therefore, we had fewer grapes, but we had perfect ripeness. Overall, the vintage is a little bit more Bordeaux-like with wines with lower alcohol content and higher acidity.

VINEYARD NOTES

ERA, our flagship wine, represents the highest level of dedication to handcrafting a wine which serves as the confluence of Old World traditions and New World techniques. Our winemakers create a wine which highlights the exceptional diversity of Napa Valley terroir. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon ranging from mountain to valley floor, ERA is barrel-fermented and not fined. Our unique style of blending Cabernet Sauvignons from various terroirs presents a wine with the perfect balance of depth, intensity and elegance.

ON THE NOSE

Explosion of thyme, cigar boxes, cedar, white pepper with touches of concentrated cassis, blueberries, roast beef, wood sap, chocolate covered bacon lingering on fresh prunes, violets, lavender

ON THE PALATE

Velvety entrance evolving on blueberry balanced with blackberry, cherry lingering on fresh acidity, precise tannins which predict an almost eternal aging potential

BLEND

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot

FERMENTATION

100% barrel fermented

AGING

22 months in French oak, 80% new, 20% 1-year-old barrels