

## 2009 “HELL’S KITCHEN”

32% Syrah / 31% Grenache / 23% Mourvèdre / 14% Tannat

Jada Vineyard, Paso Robles



### TASTING NOTES

Hell's Kitchen is our flag ship Rhone blend and a family favorite. Weekly vineyard walks and attention to detail in our farming practices allows each varietal to integrate evenly in this delicate blend of Rhone varieties. Grenache and Mourvèdre are late ripening grapes that need a lot of supervision to mature properly. We are quick to remove fruit from each vine and to trim the shoulders on each cluster to secure proper vine balance and flavor development. Individual rows are selected from each variety and clone for special designation in our Hell's Kitchen. We are very careful during fermentation and aging to use open top barrel fermentations and 500L Puncheons (64% of the total blend) to accent the fruit and add structure. Our 2009 Hell's Kitchen is a bigger wine than previous vintages. Our analysis shows darker color and a bigger mouth feel for the 2009 vintage. Each variety adds its unique signature to our aromatic profile of Raspberry, Rose pedals, Cherry soda, and Pomegranate. In the mid-palate, French oak balances the Rhone blend to yield flavors of Cherry Pie, Chocolate Pudding, and Vanilla bean. The 2009 Hell's Kitchen continues to be a favorite for its flawless integration, balance, and finish. New French Oak Coopers include Meyrieux, Boutes and Ermitage.



#### VINEYARD

Vineyard: Jada Vineyard (Tannat - Torrin Vineyard)

Vineyard Locations: Westside Paso Robles (Templeton Gap)

Geology: Shallow topsoil of clay loam over calcareous shale.

Average Elevation: 900 ft. to 1,500 ft.

Slope Exposure: South, Southwest

Year Planted: 1999

Clone/Rootstock:  
Syrah: Estrella/5C  
Grenache: Alban/1103  
Tannat: 474/5BB  
Mourvedre: 369/Own

#### WINEMAKING

Harvest Date: 10/2009

Oak: French; 77% new; 23% used.

Fining/Filtration: None

#### FINISHED WINE

pH: 3.96

TA: 0.54 g/100 mL

Alcohol: 15.2%

Bottling Date: 5/2011

Cases Bottled: 323

Release Date: Summer 2011

Winemaker: Scott Hawley/David Galzignato

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