

## 2009 JACK OF HEARTS

51% Petit Verdot / 44% Cabernet Sauvignon / 5% Merlot  
Jada Vineyard, Paso Robles



### TASTING NOTES

When our vineyard was planted in 1999, many people questioned the potential of Bordeaux varieties in West Paso Robles. Our founder and owner Jack Messina, a cardiovascular surgeon, believed in the site's unique character and insisted that he was going to include Bordeaux varieties. Twelve years later, the 2009 Jack of Hearts, made from a blend of Petit Verdot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and a small "kicker" of Merlot, is a continuation of that original conviction. Our most muscular Jack of Hearts produced thus far, the Petit Verdot is our "secret weapon" during blending. This Abreau selection of Petit Verdot produces the most interesting and consistent wines with beautiful color, generous tannin, and an intoxicating aromatic presence. Clone 15 Cabernet Sauvignon proves once again its competence as a "blending clone" and marries to our Petit Verdot with flawless integration. Stoic in its youth, this wine continues to reward over time with additional layers of complexity. Aromas of blackberry, cherry, fig, anise, and blueberry pie fold into flavors of currant, ripe plum, pomegranate, minerals, hazelnut, and toffee. All of our red wines are bottled unfinned and unfiltered. New French oak coopers include: Sylvain, Taransaud, Saint Martin, Ermitage, and De Jarnac.



#### VINEYARD

Vineyard: Jada Vineyard

Vineyard Location: Westside Paso Robles (Templeton Gap)

Geology: Shallow topsoil of clay loam over calcareous shale.

Average Elevation: 1,100 ft. to 1,200 ft.

Slope Exposure: South, Southwest

Year Planted: 1999

Clone/Rootstock:  
Petit Verdot: Abreau / 5C  
Cabernet Sauvignon: 15/1103P  
Merlot: 181/SO4

#### WINEMAKING

Harvest Dates: 10/2009

Oak: 100% French; 66% new / 34% once-used; aged 16 months

Coopers: Sylvain, Taransaud, St. Martin, Ermitage, De Jarnac

Fining / Filtration: None

#### FINISHED WINE

pH: 3.72

TA: 0.57 g/100 mL

Alcohol: 15.2%

Bottling Date: 5/2011

Cases Bottled: 494

Release Date: Winter 2012

Winemaker: Scott Hawley/David Galzignato

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