

Abreu

MADRONA RANCH CAPPELLA THOREVILOS HOWELL MOUNTAIN



2009 Rothwell Hyde Red Wine

We have produced Rothwell Hyde in limited quantities from exclusively estate-grown fruit since the 2001 harvest. The methods and philosophies applied to Rothwell Hyde expand on our belief that selectively harvesting vine-by-vine, guided by flavor alone, and co-fermenting these multi-varietal lots produces dynamic, ethereal wines of purity and balance. As each year has passed, we have evolved Rothwell Hyde into a true estate blend comprised of fruit from each of the Abreu vineyards. In this way we craft a true Grand Vin, similar to the inspiring wines of the Medoc we are so privileged to enjoy.

2009 blessed us with a beautiful growing season, with harvest beginning in early September. The Abreu vineyards benefited greatly from ideal late-summer weather, allowing us to conscientiously select fruit in our blocks over a period of several weeks. The Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot at Madrona Ranch were harvested over four separate picks, Cappella's 6 acres were harvested over three separate picks throughout September, while harvest at Thorevilos predictably began a few weeks later with the Merlot on October 2. This leisurely pace allows us to select optimal fruit at each pick, resulting in a great diversity of flavors, and layered, structured wines that individually represent the vintage as well as the specific site. Each of the separate components contributing to the 2009 Rothwell Hyde spends 18 months in 100% new French oak, then an additional 6 months maturing post-blending, before being bottled without fining or filtration.

VARIETAL BLEND:

45% Cabernet Sauvignon · 21% Merlot · 20% Cabernet Franc · 14% Petit Verdot

VINEYARD PROVENANCE:

54% Madrona Ranch · 38% Cappella · 8% Thorevilos

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