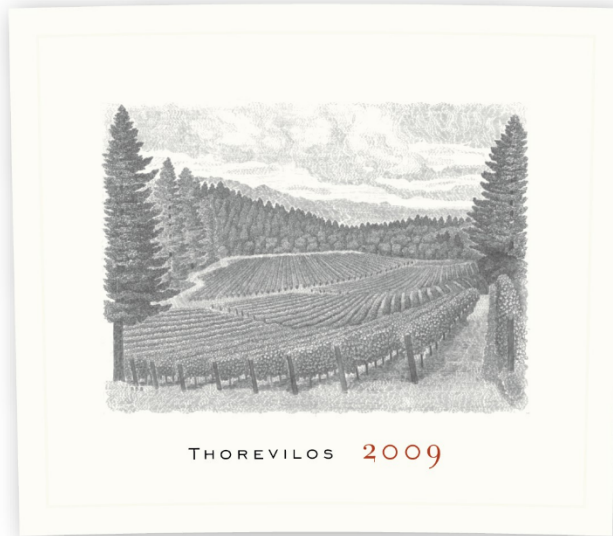


Abreu

MADRONA RANCH CAPPELLA THOREVILOS HOWELL MOUNTAIN



In 2009, the lengthy growing season and ideal weather conditions enabled us to harvest Thorevilos over ten days in early October. The 2009 vintage produced pristine, high quality fruit of uniform ripeness. We were amazed by the intense flavors in the fruit and the consistency of ripeness across the blocks. The Merlot and select Cabernet Sauvignon parcels were harvested first, while the picks to follow were comprised of varying percentages of Cabernet, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. In total, four fermentations shape the final blend of 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petit Verdot and 4% Merlot.

PROVENANCE:

100% Thorevilos · Napa Valley

VINEYARD COMPOSITION:

22 acres · Volcanic Tufa

Cabernet Sauvignon · Cabernet Franc · Merlot · Petit Verdot

Planted in 1990, Thorevilos is located in the eastern hills of Saint Helena just below Howell Mountain. The Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot are planted at the base of the vineyard, while the Cabernet Sauvignon stretches up the steep west-facing slopes. The uniqueness of this site rests with its white tufa soils, which are very well-drained and mineral-rich, its elevation off the Valley floor, and a distinct microclimate. Together, these factors produce a wine of such singular character that it can only be described as Thorevilos.

The first release from Thorevilos was the 2000 vintage.

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