

JARHEAD

WINES OF CHARACTER

JARHEAD RESERVE

2009 | Santa Ynez Valley



VINEYARD

Rock Hollow

AGING REGIMEN

16 months
in French oak

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18 months in French oak
(30% new oak)

FINAL ANALYSIS

ABV 14.9%
TA .63
pH 3.40

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

Cabernet Franc 100%

TOTAL PRODUCTION

612 cases

TASTING & PAIRING NOTES

Jarhead Reserve is a limited-edition wine that is crafted as our finest expression of the vintage. The 2009 Jarhead Reserve opens with deep black fruit aromas and complex notes of sleek oak, black olive, cedar and tobacco. On the palate, rounded layers of black cherry, cassis and blueberry unfold with hints of vanilla bean and cocoa. Firm tannins add structure to the finish and ensure that this wine will persevere for years to come.

VINEYARD

The 2009 Jarhead Reserve is composed exclusively of Cabernet Franc from the Firestone family's Rock Hollow Vineyard, just outside the hamlet of Los Olivos in the heart of Santa Barbara County's Santa Ynez Valley. This small vineyard occupies a southeast-facing slope, where gentle exposure to the elements ensures a long, steady growing season. This orientation is enhanced by the vineyard's rocky soils, rolling topography and thorough natural drainage, which combine to yield complex, intensely flavored fruit.

WINEMAKING

Low yields in 2009 produced fruit with exceptional depth and balance. Cool temperatures during the ripening period prolonged the fruit's hang time, enhancing the overall flavor, aroma and tannin development. The grapes were hand harvested on November 4. After gentle destemming, the must was cold soaked for five days prior to fermentation for gentle extraction of color, aroma and flavor. At the peak of fermentation, regular pumpovers were employed for added extraction and judicious aeration. This aeration softened the Cabernet Franc's naturally robust tannin profile. The wine was aged for 18 months in premium French oak barrels, of which 30 percent featured new oak.

ABOUT JARHEAD WINE COMPANY

Our mission is to make distinctively robust red wines in support of the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, which provides educational assistance to children of U.S. Marines, with special consideration given to families of fallen and wounded Marines.

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