

JARHEAD

WINES OF CHARACTER

JARHEAD RESERVE

2008 | Santa Ynez Valley



VINEYARDS

Rock Hollow
Kingsley
Westerly

AGING REGIMEN

20 months in French oak
(35% new oak)

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

Cabernet Franc 80%
Merlot 11%
Syrah 9%

FINAL ANALYSIS

ABV 14.5%
TA .65
pH 3.50

TOTAL PRODUCTION

560 cases

TASTING & PAIRING NOTES

Jarhead Reserve is a limited-edition wine that is crafted as our finest expression of the vintage. The 2008 Jarhead Reserve begins with heady aromas of cherry, plum, anise and toasty oak with hints of mocha spice. The palate is rich and robust with flavors of black cherry, cassis and cedar. Firm tannins embrace a full-bodied finish, ensuring that this wine will persevere for years to come.

VINEYARDS

The 2008 Jarhead Reserve is composed mainly of Cabernet Franc from the Firestone family's Rock Hollow Vineyard 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. A contribution of Syrah from the Firestone family's nearby Kingsley Vineyard brings a deep black fruit quality to the wine, while Merlot from Westerly Vineyard in eastern Santa Ynez Valley adds suppleness and depth to the palate.

WINEMAKING

Relatively cool autumn temperatures in 2008 extended the hang time at Rock Hollow Vineyard for excellent natural balance and flavor development. The grapes were hand harvested in late October. After gentle destemming, the must was cold soaked for four days prior to fermentation for enhanced extraction of color, aroma and flavor. During fermentation, the wine was regularly pumped over for continued extraction. Judicious aeration was employed to soften the Cabernet Franc's tannin profile. The wine was aged for 20 months in premium French oak barrels, of which 35 percent featured new oak. Small lots of Merlot and Syrah were incorporated into the final blend for added depth and complexity.

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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