



# FRANCIS COPPOLA DIRECTOR'S

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS OF SONOMA COUNTY

*"What's amazing about Sonoma County is that it's one of only a few appellations in the world that offers a diverse range of microclimates that can accommodate both cool climate varieties such as Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, as well as warm weather varieties like Cabernet and Merlot."*

*—Corey Beck, Director of Winemaking*

## 2009 FRANCIS COPPOLA DIRECTOR'S CABERNET SAUVIGNON

APPELLATION:.....	Sonoma County	TOTAL ACID:.....	.62g/100ml
BLEND:.....	100% Cabernet Sauvignon	PH:.....	3.55
ALCOHOL:.....	13.5%	BARREL REGIMEN:...	70% French oak, 30% American oak; 40% new barrels
RELEASED:.....	October 2011	SUGGESTED RETAIL:.....	\$21.00

### HISTORY

Several years ago when the Coppola family opened the doors to its wine and food destination in Sonoma County, California, the winemaking team was asked to create a series of wines that would reflect its own artistic interpretation of Sonoma County.

The winemakers decided to produce two separate collections in order to showcase Sonoma County as one of the premier wine growing regions of the world. The first – Director's Cut – offers limited production wines that are grown in the distinct sub-appellations of Sonoma, small areas that produce specific terroir traits we like. The second – Director's – is comprised of five classic varieties, which are grown in diverse vineyards across the entire expanse of Sonoma County.

By blending the fruit from a variety of geographic climates, we're able to create wines that offer lush, ripe fruit flavors, a light silky texture, and soft, supple tannins. Director's wines demonstrate Sonoma County's unique character and style.

### VINTAGE

2009 was an excellent vintage for all California appellations. Light spring rains were followed by warm summer days and no abrupt climate changes at season's end. This allowed us to be highly selective during harvest, choosing the very best fruit at the moment of optimal ripeness. The resulting Cabernet Sauvignon demonstrates extremely aromatic flavors and an impeccable balance of flavor, texture, and tannin.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Because Sonoma County possesses so many different microclimates and terroir variations, the virtue of our Director's wines lies in the blending process. Our Cabernet Sauvignon is made from several clonal selections grown in select vineyards that have distinctly different soil compositions, elevations and climates. The result is dozens of lots, each with fruit that has its own personality and flavor profile. Each lot then undergoes a unique barrel regimen designed to enhance the natural characteristics of the selection during its development and aging. These lots are then blended in many trials until a perfect harmony of flavors is achieved with our master blend.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2009 Director's Cabernet Sauvignon offers enticing aromatics and succulent flavors of boysenberries, cherries, cola and mint. Sophisticated and well textured with supple tannins, you'll also find nuances of oak and spices on the finish. The perfect accompaniment to grilled lamb chops, brisket, or wild mushroom risotto.



—COREY BECK, WINEMAKER