

FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

NICOLAS' VINEYARD • ALEXANDER VALLEY

2008 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



THE WINERY

The Francis Ford Coppola Winery was established in 2006 in Sonoma County, California to celebrate wine, food and adventure. Our winery is a place where guests can enjoy new wine experiences, have fun with friends and family, be entertained and savor life's simple pleasures.

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In keeping with the Coppola promise to make every visit to the winery memorable and unique, we've created the Francis Coppola Reserve label—limited production wines that showcase distinctive vineyards from Sonoma's renowned appellations, and special winemaking techniques in the case of our rare dessert wines. Our Director of Winemaking, Corey Beck, hand-selects exceptional lots of fruit from these prestigious vineyards exclusively for winery guests, wine club members and those who shop with us online.

THE LABEL

The artwork of film production designer Dean Tavoularis graces the labels of our FC Reserve wines. Tavoularis met Francis Coppola during the making of *The Godfather* and the two artists have continued to collaborate over the years on a variety of creative projects, including more than a dozen films, the courtyard and fountain of Rubicon Estate in Napa Valley and the interiors and exteriors of the Francis Ford Coppola Winery in Sonoma.

NICOLAS' VINEYARD

Flanked on each side by hills and mountains, Alexander Valley experiences two distinct microclimates due to the long, narrow shape of the region. The southern part of the valley is the first area to receive the fog from the coast, and is therefore cooler than the north, which doesn't experience these marine influences and cooler ambient temperatures until evening. Despite the temperature differential, the bordering mountain range acts as an impermeable layer to these climatic influences and traps weather conditions within the valley. As the growing season progresses, the temperature gradient continues fluidly with onshore and offshore flows occurring. Additionally, there is a great diversity of soils throughout the Alexander Valley, from red volcanic soils with high shale content on the eastern hillsides, to alluvial gravel fans on the valley floor, and steep slopes of rocky clay loam on the western hillsides. Nicolas' Vineyard sits on a rugged hillside at the intersection of neighboring sub-appellations Chalk Hill and Knight's Valley, and has a warm climate that's well suited to Cabernet.

THE WINE

The most striking feature of the 2008 vintage was that it delivered a very small crop as a result of early spring frost that devastated many of the vines. This resulted in more intense aromatics and highly concentrated fruit flavors once the grapes reached maturity. Our 2008 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon displays excellent concentration as a result of these conditions as well as a sophisticated character marked by intense aromatics of cherry, cocoa and mint. Richly textured with medium-firm tannins, enjoy flavors of plum, berries and currants embellished with notes of espresso and spicy oak.

Appellation	Knights Valley, Sonoma County
Blend	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol	14.5%
Aged	18 months in French oak; 50% new oak.
SRP	\$46

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