

FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

WALLACE CREEK VINEYARD • DRY CREEK VALLEY

2009 SYRAH



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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 head winemaker, Corey Beck, hand-selects exceptional lots of fruit from these prestigious vineyards for crafting small-batch wines including a unique late harvest Semillon and Petite Sirah "Port." Because these wines are produced in such limited quantities, they are reserved 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.

WALLACE CREEK VINEYARD

Located in the Dry Creek Valley appellation, Wallace Creek Vineyard is situated in a well-wooded, picturesque area where rolling hills offer the ideal terrain for mountainous, higher elevation vineyards. These hills shield the vineyards from the Pacific's cool coastal climate during the day, which helps keep temperatures in the mid-80s—perfect for ripening. Each evening, however, fog makes its way into the valley and provides chilly temperatures throughout the night. This differential prolongs the growing season so that the grapes mature slowly. This factor, along with a high level of organic material in the alluvial silt and clay loam soils that mark the appellation, accentuates the jammy, dark fruit flavors of our Syrah.

THE WINE

In past vintages, we've added tiny amounts of Viognier to our Syrah to heighten the aromatics, but our 2009 Francis Coppola Reserve Syrah is a pure, 100% Syrah that is extremely dark and deeply perfumed as a result of the excellent vintage conditions. A star from the day we harvested it, this wine was plush and fleshy from the get-go. With a beautiful mouth-filling texture, this wine offers extraordinary length, rich, jammy flavors of berries and plums, and intriguing notes of spice, mocha and toast from the barrels. Enjoy this wine on its own or serve with brisket, grilled squab or an herbed potato tart.

Appellation	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Blend	100% Syrah
Alcohol	14.5%
Aged	16 months in new French oak and 1 year-old French oak barrels.

Corey Beck, Winemaker

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