



"We truly aspire to the highest quality in all we do, and nothing is more important to these goals than what we do in the wine industry. Our winemaker, Corey Beck, is the magician presiding over the great Francis Ford Coppola winery in Sonoma County."

—Francis Ford Coppola

FRANCIS COPPOLA DIAMOND COLLECTION 2008 ALICANTE BOUSCHET

The Francis Coppola Diamond Collection began as an ambitious endeavor to make wines of character and complexity at an affordable price. Sourced from California vineyards that not only have proven track records but are also managed according to our rigorous standards, Diamond Collection wines are classic California expressions that offer fruit-forward, multi-dimensional flavor and immediate drinkability. Our illustrious lineup includes twelve single-varietal wines, plus our two flagship proprietary blends. These wines are a true labor of love—we invite you to share them with us.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

During the years of Prohibition, families were allowed to procure grapes to make a limited quantity of table wine each year. Most of the fruit were varietals we consider rare today, but they offered wonderfully unique tasting experiences that many recall with great nostalgia. As a child, Francis Coppola's grandfather made homemade wine using Alicante Bouschet grapes shipped in by train. Some years back, Mr. Coppola expressed a yearning for that unique varietal he grew up with, so we traveled about and tasted grapes in order to find the vineyard we thought produced the highest quality Alicante.

We found that vineyard in Lodi, California, an appellation well-known for producing full-bodied red varietals that thrive in a warm climate. Our Alicante Bouschet is made from the fruit of 85-year-old vines. Rich in color and loaded with lush, jammy fruit, this smooth medium-bodied red is richly textured and long on the finish. It pairs well with foods such as lamb chops, shepherd's pie and creamy gorgonzola pasta.

TASTING PROFILE

Appearance Purple magenta
Aromas Wild berries, allspice, toasted oak
Flavors Black cherries, plums, mocha and earthy spices

Corey Beck, Winemaker



<i>Appellation</i>	California
<i>Blend</i>	100% Alicante Bouschet
<i>Alcohol</i>	13.5%
<i>Total Acid</i>	.61g/100ml
<i>pH</i>	3.69
<i>Barrel Regimen</i>	40% new French oak; 60% 1–2 year old French oak
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