



FOUR GENERATIONS OF GROWING & WINEMAKING

Tudal Family Winery

2009 TUDAL FAMILY
CLIFT VINEYARD
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Clift Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon grapes remain a prominent selection for the Tudal “Vineyard Series”. Tudal has worked with Tom Clift to grow this exceptional fruit since the vineyard’s first commercial harvest over 10 years ago. We hope to continue the heritage of making great Tudal Cabernets from the Clift Vineyard. Our four generations of growing and winemaking experience encompasses more than 30 vintages in the Napa Valley.

Vintage Notes:

The 2009 vintage could go down as one of the great underrated vintages of this era, despite lower than average rainfall for the year. A relatively cool spring saw a few heat spikes in June and July which helped the vines to “catch up” on photosynthetic activity. The last week in July and early August were very mild with morning fog and cooler than normal temperatures. These cool summer weather patterns helped to preserve color and acid which in essence slowed the grape maturation process down to allow for complex flavors and aromas to develop. This is ideal for Cabernet Sauvignon development and led to some truly extraordinary wines for this vintage.

Winemaker’s Notes:

The 2009 Clift Cabernet is multifaceted with aromas of black cherry and dark fruit. Subtle hints of leather and black olive add to the wine’s complexity with commingling flavors of hay and barley. On the palate, the wine is rich and luscious with a velvety but strong finish. The wine’s richness is well-balanced with lean acidity and a long, clean finish. Though the wine is drinking very well now, the acidity and lush tannins will help with aging for another 5-10 years.



SPECIFICATIONS:

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Alcohol:	14.3%
pH:	3.53
Total Acid:	6.1 g/L

Cellared and Bottled By:

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A TUDAL FAMILY WINERY

AT HOME INST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY AND JACK LONDON SQUARE, OAKLAND