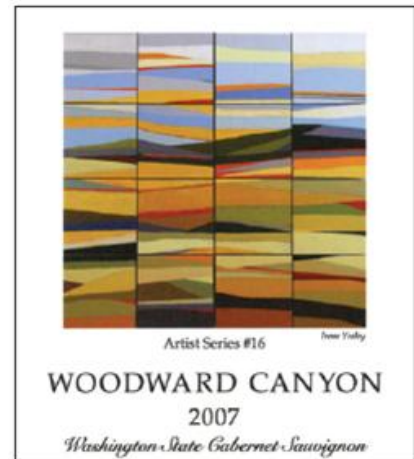


## 2007 “ARTIST SERIES” CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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| <u>Varietal Composition:</u> | 99% cabernet sauvignon<br>1% petit verdot                       |
| <u>Alcohol:</u>              | 14.6 % by volume  |
| <u>Bottling Date:</u>        | July 29 & 30, 2009  |
| <u>Release Date:</u>         | December, 2009  |
| <u>Production:</u>           | 1934 cases 750 ml<br>241 cases 375ml x 12<br>152 cases 1.5L x 6 |



### **Vineyards:**

Champoux Vineyard (79%), Sagemoor Vineyard (20%) and Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard (1%)

### **Vintage Specific Characteristics:**

The 2007 vintage was fabulous for “Artist Series”, nicer even than the fantastic 2006. We achieved perfect ripening with physiological maturity achieved through shoot thinning, leaf stripping, and green harvesting and generally improved cultural practices throughout the vineyards. All fruit was in by the third week of October.

This Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented in very small stainless steel tanks and was punched down or pumped over twice a day. Aging in French Chateaux barrels has produced a well proportioned, complex and generous red wine. Of our own doing, we have chosen to back off on the use of new oak in this wine as these vineyards have gotten older allowing them to express a sense of place.

### **Production Notes and General Characteristics:**

The “Artist Series” Cabernet Sauvignon is produced from some of the finest and most highly regarded properties in Washington State. These vineyards produce fantastic wine in their own right. In blend, they produce extraordinary wine.

This wine has a generous nose of spicy oak and cedar integrated with bright and very ripe black fruits and cherry. A sweet, rich mouth feel begins with cassis and ripe black berry, leading towards chocolate and mocha. The finish is complex, generous, and long. While this wine can be enjoyed now it will definitely benefit from additional cellaring and, with proper storage, should develop for eight years or more.

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