

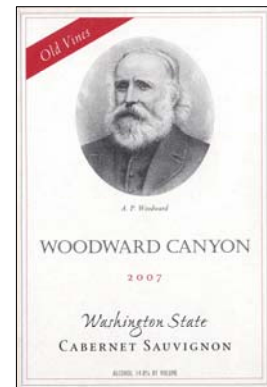
# WOODWARD CANYON

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## 2007 “Old Vines” Cabernet Sauvignon

<u>Varietal Composition:</u>	100% cabernet sauvignon
<u>Alcohol:</u>	14.8 % by volume
<u>Bottling Date:</u>	June 26, 2009
<u>Release Date:</u>	Spring, 2010
<u>Production:</u>	628 cases 750 ml 23 cases 1.5L



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### **Vineyards:**

Champoux Vineyard, Sagemoor Vineyard

This 2007 Columbia Valley “Old Vines” Cabernet Sauvignon is produced from grapes that were planted in the early 1970’s. In early October cabernet sauvignon grapes were harvested by hand from Champoux Vineyard (74 %) and from Sagemoor Vineyard (26 %) both located on two very distinct benches above the Columbia River in southeastern Washington. The 2007 vintage was perfect for cabernet allowing for more even ripening without the heat spikes seen in some years.

The wine was fermented in 2000 liter stainless steel tanks and was punched down two times per day. Average fermentation was between seven and ten days. After pressing and racking, the various lots were moved to new French chateau barrels for aging and maturation. In late spring of 2009 this wine was racked from barrel, assembled and bottled the end of June. After two very small vintages, 2005 and 2006, I am delighted to have a larger supply of Old Vine Cabernet Sauvignon once again.

This “Old Vines” Cabernet Sauvignon is rich and complex yet shows elegance, restraint and sophistication. It expresses the purity of fully mature cabernet sauvignon that one only can get from 35 year old vines. The color is dark red to purple and has complex aromas of earth, cherry, leather and smoke. Flavors of ripe black cherries and cassis married with spicy new oak and vanilla coat the mouth. The texture is soft and silky yet there are mature integrated tannins in the rich, long finish. I love the proportion this red wine displays and with proper storage, it should age for ten years easily.

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