

J·DAVIES

2008 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Diamond Mountain District

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents its eighth vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine is produced from the historic Diamond Mountain vineyards purchased in 1965 and replanted to Bordeaux varietals beginning in 1994. The wine is named in honor of patriarch Jack L. Davies, who along with his wife, Jamie, revived the Schramsberg property and established the preeminent American sparkling wine house more than four decades ago. A creation of the next generation of the Davies family, the J. Davies Cabernet Sauvignon is the product of an intimate knowledge of a place and a passion to create a delicious red wine.

VINEYARDS

The vineyard blocks, totaling 43 acres, are laid out in three isolated pockets ranging from approximately 500 to 1,000 feet in elevation. They include the two Schram sections, Napa Valley's first hillside vineyards, originally established in 1862 by Jacob Schram. The third piece is the adjacent McEachran parcel, which was first planted by Colin McEachran in 1878 and was purchased by Schramsberg in 1985. These are the southernmost vineyards in the Diamond Mountain District AVA. Flanked by two cool creek canyons (Nash Creek to the north and Ritchie Creek to the south) and surrounded by dense coniferous and deciduous forests, the vines here produce late-ripening, richly concentrated fruit with average yields of just two tons per acre.

TASTING NOTES

Dark perfumed aromas of blueberry and brambleberry are accentuated by mocha, vanilla cream and tobacco. The palate is bold, complex and fruitful. Wild berry compote and black cherry flavors mingle with notes of black tea and dark chocolate. All aspects are seamlessly brought together with fine grain tannins that sustain a long and luxurious finish. – *Winemakers Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies*

APPELLATION: Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley
Estate-grown

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 84% Cabernet Sauvignon
12% Malbec
4% Petit Verdot

HARVEST DATES: September 9–October 28

BARREL AGING: 22 months in French oak, 85% new

COOPERS: Taransaud, Boutes, Vicard

BOTTLED: August 31, 2010

PRODUCTION: 4,138 cases (6/750ml)

ALCOHOL: 14.6%

TA: 0.51g/100ml

pH: 3.85

