



THE STORY

First planted to Martha's Vineyard clone Cabernet in 1973, the Wedding Vineyard covers eleven gently sloping acres (up to 15 degrees, oriented south-west) on our Mountain Estate at an elevation of 1,200 feet. Approximately nine acres were replanted in 2001 under the careful guidance of David Abreu: seven blocks of Cabernet (clone 337 and Martha's Vineyard clone), one block of Petit Verdot (clone 400) and one block of Cabernet Franc (clone 327).

THE WINE

- 78% Cabernet Sauvignon; 22% Cabernet Franc
- Racked once off primary lees to conserve aromatics and phenolics
- Fermented in small open-top fermenters
- Aged sur lees 21 months in 100% new French oak barrels
- Bottled July 2011
- 420 cases produced

TASTING NOTES

The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Wedding Vineyard is a beautifully balanced wine. All of the elements come together gracefully in the glass. Plums, blackberries, mint, violet and spices are all woven together on the well-articulated finish. The integration of fruit, structure and oak is terrific. In 2009 the Wedding Vineyard Cabernet includes 22% Cabernet Franc. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024.

~ 93 Points, Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*