



2007 Canis Major Cabernet Sauvignon

In today's world of full-throttle, over-the-top Cabernet Sauvignon, our Canis Major Cabernet exhibits some restraint. It's core and youthful fruit expression is "definitive Cabernet Sauvignon", but delivered in a wonderful style that strives for complexity, balance and drinkability.

2007 Vintage

Silver Medal - 2012 SF Chronicle International Wine Competition

Silver Medal - 2012 International Women's Wine Competition

2006 Vintage

Silver Medal - 2011 LA International Wine Competition

2005 Vintage

Silver Medal - 2010 National Women's Wine Competition

Silver Medal - 2009 San Francisco International Wine Competition

Silver Medal - 2009 SF Chronicle Wine Competition

Silver Medal - 2009 CA State Fair Wine Competition

2004 Vintage

Silver Medal - 2008 San Francisco International Wine Competition

Silver Medal - 2008 National Women's Wine Competition

Silver Medal - 2008 San Diego Wine Competition

Silver Medal - 2007 Sonoma County Harvest Fair

Perotti Vineyard, "Hillside", Dry Creek Valley

DCV can be divided into three main areas: valley floor, gentle sloping benchlands and hillside terrain. This 1.5 acre block is clearly hillside. It butts up against the benchlands, but there is a clear delineation of soils, water retention and vine vigor. To the eye, it simply is steeper, has lighter sandy and rocky soils and smaller vines. We've been getting this fruit since 2002, and there is one key constant - tiny berries, intense fruit character and low yields of around 3 tons/acre.

Brenda's Winemaking

In the winery, Brenda ferments her Cabernet Sauvignon in a similar manner to her Zinfandel and Syrah. She is not looking for maximum power and extraction from the grape skins. Rather, she is focused on a more gentle extraction that emphasizes purity of fruit. Fermentation was done in open top tanks with 3 times daily punch-downs and one "French rack" to maximize extraction and yeast production. The wine was aged in 100% French oak, with 50% new Bel Air and Vicard barrels.

Tasting Notes

The aromatics of this wine are tight but classic—black currant, anise, and with a hint of earthy mushroom. Garnet in color, this wine delivers lovely fruit flavors, along with the toast, caramel and molasses that speak to its French oak aging. It has a smooth mouthfeel and soft tannins. Although it tastes great now, we suspect it will grow more complex with some bottle age. This is one "big dog" that's a keeper!



Information

Vintage:	2007
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley
Vineyard:	Perotti Vineyard
Alcohol:	15.5%
Produced:	189 cases



The constellation "Canis Major" is famous the world over; resembling a large dog it is known as "The Greater Dog." Canis Major seems a fitting name for our "big dog" wines.

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