

**2008 Eponymous Red Wine
MacAllister Vineyard**

Year in year out the hallmark of the wine that the grapes from this vineyard allow us to make is the beautifully expressive aromas and elegant, balanced mouthfeel. To me this is the essence of a fine red wine/Bordeaux blend. The 2008 vintage, although slightly more challenging than most, did not disappoint. The complexity and intensity of the aromas are evident from the moment the cork is popped. Aromas hinting of red fruit, raspberries and cherries, along with orange peel, and spicy oak notes add the enjoyment. It has more than sufficient body and structure with added flavors of vanilla and chocolate. Lively, bright, and balanced are evidenced on the palate, with a long satisfying finish.

The grapes come from a single vineyard, MacAllister Vineyard, near the ridge of the Mayacamas Range on the Sonoma side of mt. Veeder. This is a spectacular sloping site with multiple exposures and well drained, low fertility soils.

Varietal:	66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet Franc, 18% Merlot
Appellation:	Sonoma Valley, MacAllister Vineyard
Brix @ Harvest:	24.7-25.8
Oak Aging:	20 Months(50% new oak, and 90% French / 10% American)
Winemaker:	Bob Pepi
Alcohol:	14.6%
TA(g/100ml)	.59
pH:	3.59
Harvest Dates:	10/21/08 – 11/1/08
Bottling Date:	8/2/2010
Production:	973 12/750ml