

2009 Cabaud Wines Cabernet Sauvignon Mon Hommage

The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Mon Hommage is a huge, powerful wine bursting with dark fruit, new leather, smoke, licorice and tar. Layers of seamless fruit totally cover the palate. Frankly, I am stunned by the sheer quality of this opulent, full-bodied Cabernet. This is a dazzling first effort. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024.

I was completely taken with the two wines I tasted from Cabaud. Luc Morlet makes the wines for Phil and Bonnie Cabaud. Mon Hommage is 99% Cabernet Sauvignon and 1% Petit Verdot, 95% from the Seiller vineyard on Glass Mountain in St. Helena and 5% from Missouri Hopper in Oakville.

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- Antonio Galloni (December, 2011)

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2010 Cabaud Wines Cabernet Sauvignon Mon Hommage

Smoke, scorched earth, tar, new leather and black fruit are some of the many notes that take shape in the 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Mon Hommage. A deep, intense wine, the Mon Hommage is endowed with serious power wrapped around a core of focused, intense minerality. Crushed rocks and graphite are some of the nuances that add complexity on the finish. Today, the 2010 is totally closed in on itself, so readers will have to be a bit patient. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2025.

(Not yet released)

Cabaud's 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon is a superb follow up to the 2009, a wine that is just as brilliant today as it was last year. Most of the fruit is sourced from the Seiller vineyard on Glass Mountain in St. Helena. The super-talented Luc Morlet is the winemaker.

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2012 Cabaud Wines Cabernet Sauvignon Unnamed

Made from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from clone 4 on rootstock 3309, the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Unnamed tastes like a young Pontet Canet. Its dense purple color is followed by a classic bouquet of creme de cassis, cedarwood, spring flowers and a hint of white chocolate. Full-bodied with stunning fruit intensity and purity as well as a long finish, this was all accessed from the Missouri Hopper vineyard owned by the Beckstoffer Family. Like most 2012s, this wine will be drinkable young, but it has the depth and balance to age for 20 years.

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2011 Cabaud Wines Cabernet Sauvignon Mon Hommage

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