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2008 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Diamond Mountain District

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents its third vintage of *jd*. Produced from the property's historic Diamond Mountain vineyards, the *jd* Cabernet Sauvignon is the product of an intimate knowledge of a place, and a passion to create a delicious red wine. The genesis of *jd* came about as Hugh Davies and Sean Thompson realized that there were many outstanding barrels of unused wines remaining after the final blend of J. Davies was determined. It is an integral part of making a world class wine to craft more lots than are needed, which allows the winemaking team the opportunity to select the lots that are in stylistic harmony with the final product. It is in the process of blending where winemakers express their creativity and artistry, and the results of the blend trials were so compelling that they decided to bottle a small quantity of a second wine, *jd*.

The Vineyards

The vineyard blocks, totaling 43 acres, are laid out in three isolated pockets ranging from approximately 500 to 1000 feet in elevation. They include the two Schram sections, Napa Valley's first hillside vineyards, originally established in 1862 by Jacob Schram, and the McEachran parcel, which was first planted by Colin McEachran in 1878. 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

"Aromas of black raspberry, boysenberry, and strawberry jam are accentuated by black truffle, tobacco, and black tea. The dense palate of black cherry and blueberry pie affirm the aromas with soft, velvety tannins supplying the support for the chocolate mocha finish."

– Winemakers Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies



Winemakers:	Sean Thompson, Hugh Davies
Varietal Composition:	95% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Malbec
Appellation:	Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley 100% Estate grown
Harvest Dates:	October 10 through October 28, 2008
Barrel Aging:	22 months in French oak, 90% new
Coopers:	Vicard, Taransaud, Saury, Gamba
Alcohol:	14.5 %
TA:	0.47 g/100 mL
pH:	3.71
Bottling Date:	September 1, 2010
Release Date:	March 1, 2011
Cases Produced:	501 (9-Liter)
Suggested Retail:	\$40