

<u>2009</u> Signature Marinus

Our Marinus vineyard in upper Carmel Valley is planted with the five traditional red Bordeaux varietals. It is divided into small blocks according to grape variety, exposure and soil type. Each block has its own terroir and is farmed and hand harvested at peak ripeness in order to maximize quality.

Recently, our Vineyard Manager Matt Shea and Winemaker Dean DeKorth have been busy refurbishing the Marinus vineyard with spectacular results. After exhaustive tastings of individual lots and barrels, our Signature Marinus is assembled representing the very best expression of this unique terroir; the best of the best!

2009 produced an excellent vintage from its long growing season graced with beautiful weather and low yields. This presented us with intensely flavored wines and beautiful fruit expression.

Our 2009 Signature Marinus exhibits a deep crimson color in the glass.

The aromas are wonderfully vibrant with scents of cassis and ripe black cherry accented by notes of cedar, cloves and cinnamon. The palate is very full and intense, exploding with flavors of dark red fruits that linger on the long, highly-structured finish. While this wine is enjoyable now for its youthful power, it is an excellent candidate for many years of ageing in a suitable cellar.

Varietal makeup:

Cabernet Sauvignon: 75%
Petit Verdot 10%
Merlot: 11%
Cabernet Franc: 4%

Cooperage:

100% French; 50% new

Coopers:

Bernard, Cadus, Vernou, and Vicard.

Case Production:

1488 6-packs (750 ml)

Retail Price:

\$100.00