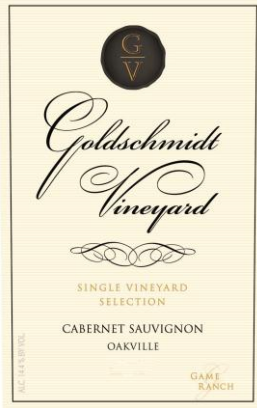


# GOLDSCHMIDT VINEYARD

## 2008 OAKVILLE *GAME RANCH*

### CABERNET SAUVIGNON



#### TECHNICAL DATA

**Appellation:** Oakville AVA

**Vineyard:** Game Ranch

**Varietal:** 100% Cabernet Sauv

**Clones:** 4, 8

**Avg. Vine Age:** 40 years

**Harvest Date:** Oct 14, 2008

**Yield:** 2.8 tons per acre

**TA:** 5.30 g/Liter

**pH:** 3.70

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

**Filtering:** Unfined & Unfiltered

**Aging:** 36 months, Allier Oak,  
Tight Grain, 85% New

**Cellaring Potential:** 15+ years

**Cases Made:** 945 six-packs

The prestigious *Game Ranch Vineyard* lies on the east-side of the Oakville District AVA along the Silverado Trail. The highly pedigreed vineyards of Screaming Eagle lie just to the north and Nickel & Nickel to the west. This sub-section of the Oakville AVA is renowned for superb, richly-textured Cabernet Sauvignon. The Game Ranch is an old river bottom made up of very rocky, well draining soils influenced by the primarily volcanic composition of the Vaca Mountains: gravelly alluvium covered by shallow gravelly loam and in some places interspersed with large boulders. In this stressful, low moisture environment, the vines struggle to put everything they can into the development of the fruit. With perfect control over the watering of this vineyard site we are able to coax the vines to produce grapes of great concentration and exceptional quality. Exemplary sustainable farming practices provided dense clusters with perfect flavor and maturity.

The 2008 vintage was a very small crop with only 60% normal rainfall. Grape clusters were tiny. A hard frost hit the coldest sites but fortunately little frost damage occurred in this mid-valley Oakville region. For most of the harvest, the weather was perfect which resulted in very dark and powerful wines. Our Game Ranch Cabernet displays the classic Oakville mint and blueberry character with intense black currant flavors and a plummy note in the finish. The tannin levels are a little firmer than in 2007, but the wines are very powerful and well-balanced. Decant for at least 1 hour before serving for best expression.

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