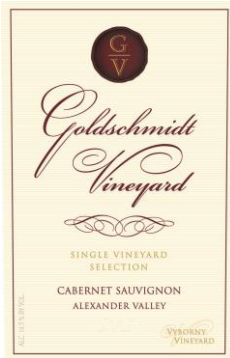


GOLDSCHMIDT VINEYARD

2008 ALEXANDER VALLEY **VYBORNY** CABERNET SAUVIGNON



TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Alexander Valley

Vineyard: Vyborny

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Clones: Heritage Clone, 4, 337

Avg. Vine Age: 35 Years

Harvest Date: Sep 30, 2008

Harvest: Hand-Picked

Yield: 32.9 tons per acre

TA: 5.30 g/Liter

pH: 3.69

Alcohol: 14.6%

Filtering: Unfined & Unfiltered

Aging: 36 Months, Allier Oak
Tight Grain, 85% New

Cellaring Potential: 15+ Years

Cases Made: 408 six-packs

Goldschmidt *Vyborny Vineyard* Cabernet Sauvignon comes from a small terraced knoll just east of the town of Geyserville on Rte 128. There exist four such knolls in the Alexander Valley, two of which are plantable. These knolls are highly prized for their north and east facing slopes and provide cool micro-climates offering soft morning sun. A northern aspect is very unusual for the appellation, as almost all vineyards face south and west and therefore must endure the afternoon heat. Most of the Alexander Valley produces wines with more alcohol and primarily red fruit characteristics. Goldschmidt Vyborny is classically different in that it shows balanced alcohol and the added dimension of black fruits which increases complexity.

The Vyborny Vineyard is comprised primarily of gravelly loam soil. Excellent drainage and cool temperatures promote slower grape maturation and a long “hang time” ensues. Of all our vineyards, Vyborny is generally picked last: about 145 days from bloom to harvest. Cabernet Sauvignon in Bordeaux, for instance, is picked weeks earlier.

The 2008 vintage got off to a rough start but growing conditions were excellent at the end of the season. All kinds of records were broken: the driest March and April documented in Sonoma County and record-breaking frost. Another factor contributing to the smaller harvest occurred during the bloom period. High and low temperatures accompanied by high winds knocked off flowers and caused shatter—clusters with holes of non-pollinated flowers. A moderate summer followed and the grapes began to color in June, and from that point on, everything was fantastic.

Goldschmidt Vyborny shows enormous power and layering, an atypical expression for Alexander Valley. Decant for at least 1 hour to allow the wine to open.

“Goldschmidt Vyborny is a full-bodied red made in a style emphasizing power. This wine has drive and grip. It is my favorite vineyard and shows what a great site in Alexander Valley can do.”

Nick Goldschmidt
WINEMASTER