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## 2009 Double Barrel Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 97 cases bottled as 6 packs

Composition: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot, 10% Malbec,

Vineyards: 85% Baker(Atlas Peak), 9% Soda Canyon (AtlasPeak), Astrale e Terra 2.5%, 1.5%

Knubis, 1% Beauterre

Appellation: Napa Valley(96.5% Atlas Peak)

Elevations: Baker and Soda Canyon are Atlas Peak at 1200 ft., Beauterre and Knubis are Oak

Knoll District, valley floor

Cooperage: 100% new French Oak, Remond Ailliers

Alcohol: 14.75%, TA 0.61, pH 3.71

Double Barrel is the best two barrels of the vintage – the most serious, the most intense – the most delicious. It really is amazing to see what Petit Verdot and Malbec can do to amplify the profile of a Cabernet Sauvignon. After selecting the most beautiful Cabernet, we had many tasting sessions to see which combinations worked best to build depth and interest. We are sure you will enjoy this 2009 Hill Family Double Barrel along with its special box decorated with Ryan Hill's well aimed shotgun blasts!

Winemaker Alison Doran's Tasting notes (bottled 7/19/11) tasted 1/1/13;

This wine was bottled unfiltered and has some sediment around the cork. This is normal and harmless, and indicates that the wine is balancing itself.

The aroma has lovely floating blackberry and expensive perfume aromas, with violets around the edges. The palate is deep, rich, soft, and caressing, starting with black cherry and vanilla flavors, and rolling into beautifully rounded blackberry and black currant, with an almost silky finish. It would be almost soft, if not for the intensity of the fine grained mountain tannins that keep the flavors rumbling around.