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## GOLD MEDAL WINNING NAPA CABERNET

VINTAGE: 2007

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY

GRAPES: CABERNET SAUVIGNON,

PETITE VERDOT, MERLOT

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 14.5%

PRODUCTION: 500 CASES

DRINK/HOLD: NOW AND

THROUGH 2035

UPC: 898546001304

### 2011 AWARDS:

DOUBLE GOLD & BEST CABERNET:

SF INTL WINE COMPETITION;

DOUBLE GOLD: CA STATE FAIR;

GOLD & BEST OF CLASS, 95 POINTS:

LA INTL WINE & SPIRITS COMPETITION

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**Taste:** The 2007 Hughes Wellman Cabernet is a dramatically styled wine with great intensity. An opaque purple black color is coupled with purity, length and grace. Blackberry essence is woven with mocha, graphite, and Crème de Cassis. The palate is lavishly constructed with formidable structure to support its aromatic fireworks.

Mouthwatering and dense, blueberry fruit, black raspberry and crushed plum are supported with extravagant concentration and structure. The finish is a sixty-second experience not to be missed; undulating waves of fruit and liquid mineral build to a mind blowing crescendo.

Multilayered, juicy and nimble this wine rises to the full potential of the La Herradura Vineyard in hills to the east of Saint Helena.

**Winemaker notes:** These vines were originally planted in 1998 and 1999. The La Herradura Vineyard sits astride the confluence of two distinct watersheds that drain Howell Mt. Conn Creek and Rossi creek bound the vineyard and has dumped millions of tons of alluvial gravels and sand throughout the ranch. The breadth of exposure here creates faceted wines that reflect the site. La Herradura Vineyard is a special place that has occupied my attention for more than a decade. 2007 was the culmination of 10 years of hard work and increasing knowledge about the vines and their personalities.

We made our preliminary blends in July 2008 and thereafter wine resided untouched for 20 months. As the blend evolved we made a few final adjustments prior to bottling. The final blend is 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petite Verdot and 3% Merlot.