

BARNETT VINEYARDS
Spring Mountain District
NAPA VALLEY

Cabernet Sauvignon
'Cyrus Ryan'
Napa Valley
2009

Harvest Date:	September 26 th , 2009
Grape Source:	Cyrus Ryan Vineyard
Blend:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Aging:	22 months in French Oak, Mixed Coopers Medium plus toast oak, 100% new
Alcohol:	14.2%
Total Production:	235 Cases
Release Date:	Fall 2011
Winemaker:	David Tate

Vineyard and Vintage Notes: Cyrus Ryan Vineyard is a small 2-acre vineyard located on the Napa Valley floor, adjacent to Silverado Trail just north of the town of St. Helena. This tiny vineyard is planted entirely to Cabernet Sauvignon, which with its low yields of 2 tons per acre exhibits the varietal typicity of a top valley Cabernet coming from a premium boutique Napa Valley vineyard.

Winemaking Notes: In 2009 we harvested our Cyrus Ryan at perfect physiological ripeness before any threat of rain was apparent. After the cold soak and the first few days of maceration it was apparent it was going to be a year of close tannins management. After only 11 days the juice was pulled off the skins, having extracted some beautiful but big chalky tannins and enough color such that the wine was black. The wine was then aged for 22 months on 100% new French oak.

Tasting Notes: The opaque color of this year's Cyrus-Ryan foreshadows the depth and structure that the wine delivers. Big fresh blackberry and dark chocolate are firmly concentrated on the nose. Crushed violets and graphite come through on the background while the first sip delivers an amazing lushness. Intense deep cooking chocolate and anise deliver a spicy sweetness on the palette. The tannins are intense but chalky suggesting great potential for holding, around 10-12 years of patience in the cellar would greatly benefit this vintage (2021-2023).