

BARNETT VINEYARDS  
*Spring Mountain District*  
NAPA VALLEY

**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**'Cyrus Ryan'**  
**Napa Valley**  
**2008**

<b>Harvest Date:</b>	September 9th, 2008
<b>Grape Source:</b>	Cyrus Ryan Vineyard
<b>Planted:</b>	2001
<b>Blend:</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Aging:</b>	23 months in French Oak, Mixed Coopers Medium plus toast oak, 90% new
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.8%
<b>Total Production:</b>	190 Cases
<b>Release Date:</b>	Fall 2011
<b>Winemaker:</b>	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:** 2008 was an amazing year for this tiny little plot. The stigma with a cooler vintage did nothing to the beautiful ripening of these grapes, picked only two days later than the 2007 vintage. The difference is the thickness in skins due to the growing season causing very rapid extraction of both color and tannins during the 12 days of maceration. The press was held separate and later added for more body to the wine. The wine was held in primarily new oak (90%) for 23 months.

**Tasting Notes:** This is the darkest the Cyrus Ryan has ever been; opaque in the core it has immediate intensity of black fruit on the nose. Blackberry and cassis are in the very forefront with immense cocoa nib and toasty vanillin right behind. Mineral elements are not lacking either, with scorched earth and gravel behind the fruit. The 2008 is not lacking any richness, and all the fruit and mineral elements on the nose continue on the pallet. Very big chalky tannins are on the mid pallet asking the wine to age. Drinkable with hearty fare, this wine really needs time in the bottle to be all it can be. Drink over the next 18-20 years (2011-2031).