

BRANHAM Estate Wines

The Obsidian Vineyard sits in the heart of the Napa Valley AVA, bounded by the Silverado Trail, the Napa River, and Selby Creek. Fruit from this vineyard comprises fifty percent of the blend. The remaining fifty percent is from the historic Taplin Vineyard in St. Helena. The 2008 vintage was a farmer's nightmare--early frost, then high heat, then winds and rain, all before summer began--and a wine lover's dream: small berries with concentrated juice resulting in finely developed and balanced flavors. Balanced tannins and acidity, and dark, layered fruit propel the elegance of this Napa Valley gem.

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Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

2008

Vineyards

Obsidian (50%) Taplin (50%)

Varietal %

Cabernet Sauvignon 96%; Petite Verdot 4%

Harvest

October 4th and 24th, 2008

Brix 25.8 - 3.55 pH - .68 TA

Winemaking

Fermented 18-days @ 87 degrees, Pressed at Dryness to French Oak
Malolactic fermentation: inoculated at pressing and completed in barrels
Aged twenty Months in 100% French Oak: 50% New, 50% one-year old

Chemistry at Bottling

14.6% Alcohol

3.55 pH; .62 TA

Release Information

Bottling: June 2010

180 Cases