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Blue Rock 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon (Alexander Valley)

A beautiful Cabernet, dry, soft and balanced, that will silence objections that California Cab is too strong to drink with food. This wine is fine in tannins, and the blackberries and cherries have a lovely note of herbs. Feels elegant and luxurious.

Drink now. *Editors' Choice.*

S.H. *Wine Enthusiast* December 2010

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The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon has a deep cassis nose, a slightly more opaque bluish/ruby/purple color, medium to full body, good purity, sweet tannins, and an attractive texture. Drink it over the next decade or more. This is a group of solidly made, well-endowed, pure wines with rather striking electric blue labels.

Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate* March , 2011

Winemaker's Notes:

The 2007 growing season gave us near perfect grapes from a long, mild season. At veraison, the time that the berry color changes from green to purple, we knew that we had a special crop because every cluster ripened evenly. The Blue Rock Cabernet is a blend of some of the oldest blocks from the Estate and it is aged in 50% new and 50% once used French Oak. It is 92 % Cabernet Sauvignon with smaller amounts of Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Merlot for added texture and complexity.

We strive for a balanced and elegant wine that is food friendly rather than more heavily extracted. While all of the reviews are highly favorable, this may account for the differences of opinion. I agree with Steve Heimoff that many California Cabernets are too heavy, jammy, and high in alcohol and, in spite of the high ratings, rarely impress with food and may disappoint with bottle age. The 2007 Blue Rock Cabernet is tasting good now with decanting but will age and improve for 10 or more years with proper cellaring. Enjoy!

Kenny Kahn

Owner/ co-winemaker

984 cases made

14.2% alcohol

Winemakers Nick Goldschmidt and Kenny Kahn

92% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Estate Malbec, 4% Estate Cabernet Franc, and 2% Estate Merlot

