



2009
AIKEN CABERNET SAUVIGNON
RUTHERFORD

DETAILS

VARIETAL:
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION:
Rutherford

VINEYARD:
Morisoli

BOTTLING INFO:
Bottled July 11, 2011
65 cases produced

ALCOHOL:
14.9%

BARRELS:
French Oak
100% new

THE WINE

With its dusty, gravelly soils, the Morisoli Vineyard in the heart of Napa Valley's historic Rutherford Bench is the source of fruit for this wine. Because of the powerful fruit character and firm tannins this vineyard supplies, half of the fruit was fermented in stainless steel tanks to retain the bright fruit flavors and half of it was fermented in new French oak barrels to add complexity and round tannins. The resulting wine displays classic Rutherford Bench characteristics of cassis and cherry with an intriguing note of mocha and a mouth feel that is both full and firm at the same time.

After de-stemming and a 4 day cold soak, fermentation began. The tanks received pumpovers and punchdowns while the barrels were rolled up to three times a day for 35 days of fermentation and maceration. Finally, after draining and pressing, the wine was racked to barrels where it aged until ready for bottling.

PHILOSOPHY

Joel Aiken's goal is to produce wines of distinction from exceptional vineyards in outstanding appellations. With over 30 years of winemaking experience, Joel knows the vineyards and growers capable of producing exceptional grapes for these wines.