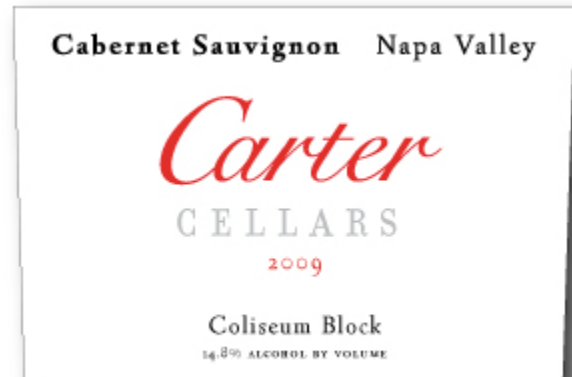


Coliseum Block Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage:	2009
Varietals:	Cabernet Sauvignon
AVA:	Napa – Soda Canyon
Alcohol:	14.8%
Harvest:	November 5, 2009
Brix at Harvest:	29 °
Average pH:	4.01
Titrateable Acidity:	5.7 g/L
Fermentation:	Stainless Steel Tank
Cooperage:	Taransaud & Darnajou
Ageing:	18 Months New French Oak
Bottled:	May 26 th , 2011
Production:	109 Cases



On the back side of the Hossfeld Vineyard lies a steeply terraced block of old vine Cabernet Sauvignon that sits across a gorge from a 19th century miniature Roman coliseum. Like this landmark, the 2009 rendition of Coliseum Cabernet is a pure mix of power and grace delivered seamlessly to the glass. Dark purple to the rim, immediately you are drawn to the core of this wine which is comprised of crushed dark fruits, floral notes, anise and subtle spices from perfectly seasoned French oak barrels. The mid palate embraces a multilayered texture, loads of soft and supple tannin and well integrated oak followed by a cocoa powder finish that takes this wine to the next level. It is a young and eager wine at this point, so cellaring for 4-5 years is recommended. Look for it to evolve further for up to 20 years.