

Hossfeld Coliseum Red Blend

Vintage:	2008
Varietals:	Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon
AVA:	Napa – Soda Canyon
Alcohol:	14.8%
Harvest:	September 19, 2008
Brix at Harvest:	28.7 °
Average pH:	3.59
Titrateable Acidity:	6.9 g/L
Fermentation:	Stainless Steel Tank
Cooperage:	Nadelie, Demptos, St. Martin
Ageing:	18 Months New French Oak
Bottled:	July 8 th , 2010
Production:	195 Cases



Sitting on the top section of the Hossfeld vineyard site is a small piece of Merlot planted on fractional rock outcroppings with very shallow soil. The fruit produced from these vines produces quite possibly the best mountainside Merlot in the southern Napa Valley. The addition of 2 barrels of Hossfeld Coliseum Cabernet Sauvignon make this blend stand out more than just the Merlot on its own, creating an intoxicating blend. A graceful nose containing blueberries, crème de cassis and milk chocolate soars from the glass and greets the senses. While lighter in texture than the Cabernet Sauvignon from this vineyard, a sense of power is achieved through deft extraction from the pea size berries these vines produce.