

*2009 Sonoma Valley  
Richards Family Vineyard Syrah*

Truly one of the great Richards produced to date, the 2009 seems to combine the best elements of the 2008 and 2006 vintages. The aromas have never been so available at such an early date, producing classic Richards smoked lamb encrusted with rosemary and lavender, bright ripe cherry, and hints of cassis. Both structured and well-knit, as in 2008, the 2009 has an extra dimension of richness that harkens back to the weighty 2006 vintage. The wine's finish is well focused and invites another sip. As nice as the mouthfeel is, the wine's nose is truly intoxicating. You won't be disappointed and will likely find yourselves, as we do, drawing the glass to your nose over and over again to take in the unique Richards mark we've come to love.

***Vineyard Notes:***

**Location**

Richards Family Vineyard is nestled in the Schultz Valley near Annadel State Park in Sonoma Valley. While generally perceived as a warmer region, this east-facing isolated parcel buttressed to the west by the Sonoma Mountains is surprisingly cool. This young planting Sonoma Valley vineyard has already produced several vintages of wine with great character. The rocky soils once provided footing for a lavender farm. Most of the lavender was replaced with Syrah, but several rows remain, leading us to believe they leave their own mark in each vintage.

**Alcohol**

14.2%

**Production**

140 cases

