



SELENE

2007 DEAD FRED VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Release: August 2010; 380 cases (750ml)

**Varietal
Composition:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard: Dead Fred Vineyard. That name always brings a smile to my face. Fred (RIP) was the beloved cat of the vineyard owners, David Goldman and Lisa Cort, and he found his final resting place among the blue oak grove that borders the vineyard. The vineyard is located in the Coombsville area of Napa. Just under three acres are planted on soils that range from sandy loam to gravelly and even cobbly loams, with two clones of Cabernet Sauvignon. Eighty percent is 337 on 110R and the remainder is clone 8 on St. George.

Wine Making: 2007 had some nice weather for vineyards in Napa Valley. Though it was a drought year with about half normal rainfall, it followed the two abundant rain seasons of 2005 and 2006, so the vines fared nicely. Grapes were harvested the third week in October. Fermentation and maceration times totaled 20 days. The wine was aged in 100% new French oak until bottling in June of 2009.

Tasting Notes: Both raspberry and blueberry lead off the aromatics, with sandalwood and sweet spice, espresso, roasted almonds covered with dark chocolate, and finishing with fragrant crushed red rose petals. The mouth has very good initial impact, intensity, texture, and length, with excellent development and integration of flavors.