



# SELENE

## 2009 DEAD FRED VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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**Release:** January 2013; 190 cases (750ml)

**Varietal  
Composition:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Vineyards:** 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 clone 8 Cabernet Sauvignon on St. George.

**Wine Making:** 2009 brought Napa rain both late in the spring and early in the fall; not exactly what winemakers wish for. However, the spring rains did keep us from experiencing our third year of drought and did not affect bloom negatively at Dead Fred. The vines enjoyed a very nice summer and early fall, which made for a nice maturation for the fruit. This allowed ample ripeness and harvesting before mid-October rain. The resulting wine was aged in 90% new French oak and bottled in April 2011.

**Tasting Notes:** Imagine coffee beans roasting deeply over an oak wood fire, just slightly smoky, with dark chocolate, and raspberry syrup. Those flavors, along with a rich dark caramel, are also present in the mouth with very good intensity. The tannins are bold but with a quite fine texture, and linger long on the palate with the flavors.