



THE STORY

First planted to Martha's Vineyard clone Cabernet in 1973, the Wedding Vineyard covers eleven gently sloping acres (up to 15 degrees, oriented south-west) on our Mountain Estate at an elevation of 1,200 feet. Approximately nine acres were replanted in 2001 under the careful guidance of David Abreu: seven blocks of Cabernet (clone 337 and Martha's Vineyard clone), one block of Petit Verdot (clone 400) and one block of Cabernet Franc (clone 327).

THE WINE

- 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Cabernet Franc
- Fermented in small open-top fermenters
- Aged sur lees 22 months in 100% new French oak barrels
- Bottle unfiltered, September 2008
- Cases produced: 450

TASTING REVIEW

Vivid ruby. Cherry-cola, black olive, tobacco and cracked pepper on the nose; almost smells like a syrah. Fleshy dark berry flavors are given a serious mien by chewy licorice and sweet tobacco qualities, with firm tannins adding structure. The tannins gain strength on the finish, which leaves bitter cherry and licorice notes behind.

(93+ points) Stephen Tanzer, *International Wine Cellar*