



2008 RELENTLESS®

NAPA VALLEY

This wine honors long-time Shafer Winemaker Elias Fernandez and his relentless pursuit of quality. Sourced from small, rugged vineyards adjacent to the southern border of Stags Leap District, the grapes for Relentless are a “field blend” of Syrah and Petite Sirah.

Release Date	September 1, 2011
Vineyard Locations	A small ridgetop site and a foothills site along the Vaca Mountains just south of Stags Leap District
2008 Growing Season	The vintage offered everything a vine loves, starting with a dry, warm spring leading to ideal conditions for summer-long fruit development. The lack of rain early in the year gave us smaller-than-usual clusters by harvest time, which resulted in smaller berries with outstanding concentration.
Varietal Composition	75% Syrah, 25% Petite Sirah
Brix at Harvest	24.0° - 25.9°
Cooperage	30 months in 100% new 60-gallon French oak barrels (Vosage, Allier, and Tronçais)
Alcohol	15.6%
Food Affinities	A bold wine like Relentless complements similar concentrated flavors found in dishes such as Syrah-braised short ribs, smoked lamb with Relentless reduction, roast duck, as well as beef and game. Aged, dry cheeses such as Cheddar, Abbaye De Belloc, and Manchego also pair deliciously.



WINEMAKER’S COMMENTS

“The 2008 is like midnight in a glass. With abundant aromas and flavors of juicy purple fruit, smoked meat, spice, smoke, black plums and berry, it hugs the line between extract and elegance. In the mouth it’s full and seamless from first taste through the long finish.”

— ELIAS FERNANDEZ

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

“Another thoroughbred in the making ... Full-bodied with sensational extract and richness, its opaque purple color is followed by terrific smoky barbecue notes, full-bodied opulence and tremendous depth, power and richness. This stunning Syrah can be drunk over the next 15-20 years.”

— ROBERT M. PARKER, JR., THE WINE ADVOCATE

SHAHER VINEYARDS

Shafer Vineyards is a 32,000 case winery in Napa Valley’s Stags Leap District managed by the father and son team of John and Doug Shafer. The Shafer family owns and farms 200 acres of vineyards, sources for Shafer’s Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, and Syrah.