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2007 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Leonardini Vineyard Napa Valley

LEONARDINI FAMILY SELECTION

- Blend:** Cabernet Sauvignon
- Appellation:** St. Helena, Napa Valley
- Designation:** Leonardini Vineyard
- Production:** 503 cases of 750ml, 1.5L, 3L and 6L bottles

The Vineyard: The Leonardini Vineyard is located on the western side of the Napa Valley floor at the southern edge of the town of St. Helena. This gravelly 14-acre vineyard is planted primarily to Cabernet Sauvignon. The winery has made a Leonardini Vineyard Cabernet every year since 1995.

The Vintage: 2007 was an ideal growing year in the Leonardini Vineyard. The weather was very cooperative from the dry, warm spring through the mild summer and fall seasons. The slow, even and extended ripening process allowed the fruit to reach its optimum flavors. The grapes were harvested from the southeast corner of the vineyard on October 22, 2007.

Winemaking: The fruit was hand sorted and fermented in a temperature-controlled tank for 14 days. It then soaked on its skins for another 17 days, going through extended maceration. The pressed wine was aged separately from the free-run juice and both lots were aged in 100% French oak cooperage. After 15 months in barrel, a small portion of pressed wine was added back into the free-run and this final lot was aged an additional 12 months before being bottled on February 5, 2010.

Tasting Notes: This beautifully made wine has ample fruitiness to support its polished structure. The aromas meld black berries, dark cherries and toasty oak while the same ripe fruit flavors and round tannins dance on the palate. Its finish is long and silky. This classic wine can be enjoyed now but will also age gracefully through 2020.

The Closure: This 2007 bottling is the winery's fifth vintage to be sealed with the revolutionary glass closure, Vino-Seal™. This elegant alternative to cork offers an ideal seal that allows the wine to retain its purity of flavor and aroma. The wines sealed with this 'glass cork' continue to age beautifully.