

HAVENS WINERY

2009 Napa Valley

Bourriquot

The Vineyard and Winemaking:

The 2009 Napa Valley Bourriquot is a proprietary blend from grapes grown in the cooler areas in the southern end of the Napa Valley.

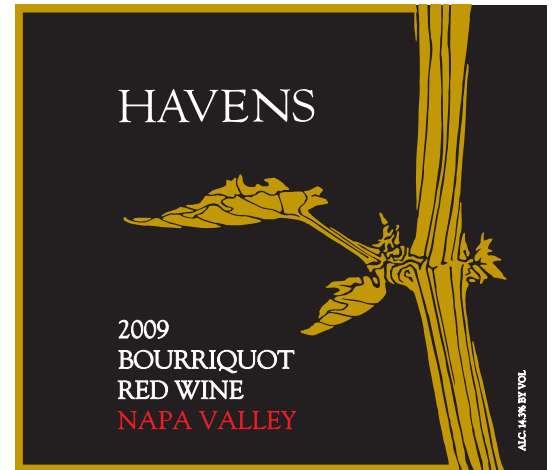
The grapes are crushed and allowed a 3 day cold soak prior to starting the fermentation, and allowed to set on the skins for 2 weeks after completion of fermentation, prior to pressing.

Growing Season:

The 2009 vintage was preceded by three years of drought, but by March, rainfall for the season was close to normal. A mild and cool spring coupled with a touch of late spring rains ensured strong yet well-balanced vine growth. The summer temperature was seasonable, allowing the fruit to steadily ripen. September arrived with the warmest weather of the season. An early rain delayed harvest by a week, but the fruit was in perfect condition.

Tasting Notes:

The Havens Bourriquot uses the Merlot grape to soften the hard characteristics of the Cabernet Franc. The fruit aromas of cranberries, cherries, red licorice and distinct spicy note, is tempered by vanilla oak. The flavors mirror the aroma, with well balanced tannins and acidity. The overall experience of this wine is of a more subtle and complex wine than may have been expected.



Harvest Date:	October 12, 2009
Alcohol:	14.3%
pH:	3.55
Acidity:	0.63
Fermentation:	Stainless steel
Barrel Aging:	14 Months in French and American Oak
Blend:	70% Cabernet Franc 30% Merlot
Appellation:	Napa Valley