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VINEYARD

## 2007 California Cabernet Sauvignon

Firestone Discoveries is a new concept in California wines with vibrant packaging evoking the natural beauty and upscale casual lifestyle of Southern California. Bright, fresh and fruit forward, the Discoveries wines are perfect for both everyday adventures and unplanned explorations in the kitchen and beyond.

### VINTAGE NOTES:

2007 started with a very dry winter with little rainfall and erratic temperatures that led to reduced vine vigor, low shoot fruitfulness and smaller than normal cluster sizes. On average, yields were roughly 30% less than normal. Warm and mild early spring temperatures gave way to generally moderate summer and fall temperatures with exception of a late August to early September heat spike. Fortunately, temperatures returned to average for the fall, allowing for longer hang time and advanced flavor development.

### WINEMAKING NOTES:

The grapes were harvested then destemmed and lightly crushed. Fermentation was followed by an extended maceration for the extraction of ripe tannins and both color and flavor compounds. The wine was then racked into barrels, where it aged for 19 months for optimal tannin integration.

### TASTING NOTES:

Deep ruby in color, the 2007 California Cabernet Sauvignon has classic aromas of black plum, cassis and espresso. Flavors of black licorice, smoked meat, ripe plum and mocha are complimented by soft tannins and a plush mouthfeel. The finish lingers with notes of sweet spice and smoke.

### CUISINE PAIRING:

The smooth body and bright fruit notes of the Cabernet will pair well with well-marbled meats, creamy cheeses and dark chocolate.



APPELLATION:	CALIFORNIA
VARIETAL COMPOSITION:	76% CABERNET SAUVIGNON 9% CABERNET FRANC; 8% SYRAH 7% PETITE SIRAH
COOPERAGE:	100% AGED IN OAK FOR 19 MONTHS
TA:	0.67
pH:	3.75
ALCOHOL:	13.5%
RELEASE DATE:	JULY 1, 2009
LABEL ARTIST:	STEVE COOK

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON FLAVOR MAP

plush PLUM coffee  
smooth  
VANILLA CASSIS  
LICORICE balanced MOCHA