



2009

The Brat



APPELLATIONS:	Sierra Foothills AVA, Calaveras County
HARVEST DATE:	October 12, 2009
VINEYARD:	Appaloosa Estate Vineyard
COMPOSITION:	80% GRENACHE – 20% SYRAH
ALC:	14.8%
PH:	3.58
TA:	6.6 g/l
CASES PRODUCED:	283
CELLAR PRACTICES:	The Syrah and Grenache is picked on the same day, hand sorted, destemmed and crushed with 15% whole cluster into small open top fermentors. This field blend is co-fermented, cold soaked for 4 days, inoculated with specially selected yeast isolated from the Rhone Valley and fermented dry. Pressed into 100% French Oak barrels and aged for 18 months.
TASTING NOTES:	With a dark ruby/garnet hue, The Brat exhibits aromas of fresh raspberries and wild strawberries laced with orange zest and sweet spice. The flavors follow with dried cherries, early harvest raspberries, filling soaked pie crust and touch of white pepper. The juicy tannins are focused and centered leaving you wanting another sip and another reflection.
RETAIL PRICE:	\$36