



2009

The Instigator



APPELLATIONS: Sonoma County
HARVEST DATE: October 26, 2009
VINEYARD: Kick Ranch Vineyard, Sonoma County
COMPOSITION: 100% SYRAH
ALC: 15.8%
PH: 3.72
TA: 5.9 g/l
CASES PRODUCED: 127
CELLAR PRACTICES: Two specially selected clones of Syrah are handpicked, hand sorted, destemmed and crushed with 10% whole cluster into small open top fermentors. These clones are co-fermented, cold soaked for 4 days, inoculated with specially selected yeast isolated from Rockpile AVA and fermented dry. Pressed into 100% French Oak barrels and aged for 18 months.

TASTING NOTES: Inky black purple in color. Graphite, tar and fine hashish dominate the aromatics with super-ripe crushed blackberries at the core. The flavors are savory and elegant with ripe black fruits and wild berries, molasses and espresso filling the palate followed by a rich cotton velvety texture with long mouthwatering tannins screaming for a juicy steak to join in.

RETAIL PRICE: \$36