

*William Cole*  
VINEYARDS



2007

*William Cole Vineyards  
Cabernet Sauvignon Cuvée Claire*

VINEYARD RESTORED: 1997

2.5 acres planted to Cabernet Sauvignon

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SOIL:

*Well drained volcanic tufa loam  
with interspersed rock and gravel*

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EXPOSURE: *east/southeast*

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**VINTAGE** The 2007 growing season started out dry as temperatures were warmer than normal and winter lingered into spring resulting in earlier budding, bloom and set in the vineyard. The summer growing season continued on the mild side, with few days reaching high temperatures as harvest followed a steady, relaxed pace. There was a short heat spike around Labor Day, but the temperatures cooled after several days. The days went into the fall pattern: cool mornings, warm clear days, cool evenings through September and October. We picked our cabernet October 29, 2007 at its optimum.

**WINEGROWING** This gently crafted Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon is reminiscent of lush, exotic and aromatic cabernet sauvignon. A direct reflection of our soil composition along the lower slopes of Spring mountain north of St. Helena, William Cole Vineyards 'Cuvée Claire' is cultivated from a 2.5 acre vineyard planted to cabernet sauvignon. Our estate vineyard enjoys a historic legacy going back to the 1870's. The basic weathered volcanic rock that makes up our soils-ranging from silty loam soils to obsidian to coarse volcanic rock results in the variation and complexity within our small vineyard. The tiny upper half-acre vineyard named 'Claire's Hill' is located on a steep 35 degree gradient whose soils are decidedly more volcanic in nature. These soils have excellent drainage which forces the cabernet vines to reach deep for their water and nutrient values. What results is a smaller and stressed berry which yields thicker skins and more concentrated flavors and tannin ensuring a flavorful and cellarworthy cabernet sauvignon. Owners William and Jane Ballentine are gentle stewards of the land and are proud of their cabernet sauvignon.

**WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES** The 2007 William Cole Cabernet Sauvignon Cuvée Claire begins with a wonderfully aromatic nose - fresh berries, blueberry, blackberry with hints of vanilla and currants behind the fruit. This wine has a full middle palate with nuances of chocolate, mocha, and black fig. Elegant and refined, the finish reveals wonderful structure with notes of blueberry, vanilla, ripe grape and a touch of toasted oak. A beautiful compliment to food, this wine will age gracefully and can be enjoyed for generations.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

HARVESTED: *October 29, 2007*  
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGED: *30 months in French oak barrels*

BOTTLED: *January 2010*

ALCOHOL: *14.3%*

PRODUCTION: *719 cases*

