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Talianna 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

Bell Wine Cellars is committed to hand-crafting limited edition bottlings of extraordinary wines that best reflect the terroir of their vineyards and the care and passion of their growers. In Talianna, named after Sandra's daughters, Talia and Anna, we have created a proprietary wine, capturing the unique fruit expressions of our most important varietals and favorite lots.

Vinification

Talianna is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 6 and Clone 4 (76%) grown on the Beckstoffer Georges III vineyard in the Rutherford sub-appellation of Napa Valley and Petit verdot (8%), Cabernet franc (8%), and Petite sirah (8%) from vineyards bordering our estate in Yountville. The grapes are hand-harvested and gently crushed to retain 40% whole berries. Prior to yeasting with Bordeaux red yeast, we cold soaked for 72 hours, increasing the richness and intensity of the fruit character. Color extraction uses a combination of manual pump overs via a screen during the initial fermentation, with gentle cap irrigation as the wine goes dry. In addition, some smaller lots received manual punch downs. Following fermentation the wine went through malo-lactic fermentation on the skins and in barrel. All varietals were aged separately, and then blended shortly before bottling. The wine was aged 20 months in a combination of French (96%) and American oak barrels, 94% of which were new. The wine has not been fined or filtered.

Vintage Notes

The 2007 growing season was a wonderful year for grape growing. Overall, it was very dry and cool. Winter temperatures were warmer than normal into spring resulting in earlier budding, bloom and set in the vineyards across all varieties. Few days in summer topped 100 degrees, with fewer days in the 90s than normal. This meant less irrigation, allowing the grapes to mature naturally and slowly. A brief heat spike around Labor Day added the boost of sugar development that growers were looking for to complement the excellent acid. Harvest commenced in mid-August and was evenly paced. With wines of incredible intensity and concentration, 2007 looks to be the best vintage in many years.

Tasting Notes

A striking opaque, inky color with concentrated black fruit and cassis aromas. As the wine opens up it reveals layers dark cocoa powder, exotic spices, graphite and vanilla. The complex mix of flavors is complimented by the luscious texture of the wine and its rich, long finish. The resulting wine has a beautiful balance between fruit, oak, tannins and acidity with an elegant finish and no hard edges. An expression of our favorite vineyards, this rich and complex wine will mature beautifully for many years.

Technical Analysis

Varietal	Cabernet Sauvignon (76%), Petit verdot (8%), Cabernet franc (8%) Petite sirah (8%)
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.6%
Aging	20 months in 96% French Oak, 94% new
Bottle Date	July 2009
Production	161 12-pack cases

