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## Vintage Notes

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### LAKE WILLIAM 2009

The 2009 Lake William follows in the footsteps of its sensational predecessors. William Jarvis made the mistake of his career in 1993 during midnight pump-overs, when he accidentally pumped a third of a tank of Cabernet Franc into a tank of Cabernet Sauvignon. The experience was devastating, but after the fermentation completed the winemaker, Dimitri Tchelistcheff, who had not had much to say to William since the “accident”, said “this new Bordeaux blend” turned out “not that bad”. In fact, it kept getting better with age! It was enjoyed so much in the tasting room it became a sold-out product, and this blend has been made every year since. The grapes in the blend come from those vineyards cooled by the breezes off Lake William, hence the name. This wine has gone through extended aging and released when our winemaker felt it was ready for you and your friends to enjoy. Best to enjoy within ten years.

The grapes for all Jarvis wines are grown in our own hillside vineyards on the estate. The vineyards are 1000 feet above Napa Valley in the Vaca Mountains just four miles east of the city of Napa. The cool mountain growing region provides moderate temperatures for optimum ripening of the grapes.

**GRAPES:**

100% Jarvis Estate

**HARVEST DATES:**

October 12 -  
October 26, 2009

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION:**

44% Cabernet Sauvignon  
5% Cabernet Franc  
46% Merlot  
5% Petit Verdot

**BARREL AGING:**

22 months  
100% New French oak - small barrels

**CAVE TEMPERATURE:**

61° F

**FINING & FILTRATION:**

Unfined & unfiltered

**MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION:**

100%

**TECHNICAL DATA:**

Alcohol: 13.8%  
Total Acid: 6.0 g/liter  
pH: 3.78

**PRODUCTION:**

241 cases

**RECOMMENDED CELLARING:**

10 to 12 years



92 Points  
GOLD MEDAL



95 Points  
GOLD MEDAL  
*Exceptional*