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2009 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Lotus Vineyard

Wine Advocate #204 (Dec 2012)

Drink: 2019-2029

Rating: 97

A rich, sensual wine, the 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Lotus Vineyard captures the best qualities of the vintage. Layers of dark red fruit, kirsch, sweet spices, tobacco and herbs saturate the palate as this large-scaled, voluptuous wine opens up in the glass. There is a purity and centeredness to the 2009 that is striking. At the same time, the tannins aren't quite as polished as they are in the very best wines here. Overall, though, that is a pretty small critique for a wine that delivers so much pure pleasure. Exotic spice and kirsch notes reappear on the finish. The 2009 was fermented in a combination of 45% oak uprights, 45% cement and 10% barriques. It spent 26 months in 100% new French oak barrels.

Antonio Galloni (December 2012)

2009 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Helms Vineyard

Wine Advocate #198 (Dec 2011)

Drink: 2014-2029

Rating: 94+

The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Helms Vineyard is bigger, richer and deeper than the 2008 tasted alongside it. In this vintage (and 2010) the picks were smaller, and therefore many of the fermentations were done in smaller French oak barrels, which has given the wine much of its shape. Ripe dark cherries, menthol and spices wrap around the finish. The tannins are a bit firm, but the wine was also bottled just one month before I tasted it.

Antonio Galloni (December 2011)

2009 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Hershey Vineyard

Wine Advocate #198 (Dec 2011)

Drink: 2014-2029

Rating: 93+

The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Hershey Vineyard is rich, seamless and voluptuous. Dark red fruit, mocha, espresso, licorice and spices are some of the notes that flow towards the textured, creamy finish. The Hershey is fermented in French oak barrels, which give the wine much of its shape.

Antonio Galloni (December 2011)