



Jeff Runquist Wines

2009 "R" BARBERA, Amador County



Barbera is one of my favorite varieties; it has been since we produced an outstanding wine from Barbera in 1980 while I was the enologist at Montevina. When I launched Jeff Runquist Wines in 1997 Barbera was the second variety we produced after Zinfandel. Since then, we have seen an overwhelmingly positive response to our efforts with this variety. Our 2007 Barbera won Best of Show honors at the California State Fair and last year, our 2008 Reserve Barbera from the Ambra Vineyard won Best Barbera honors at the same event.

Unable to supply all of our needs from a single vineyard, the Amador County Barbera is a blend of wine produced from four vineyards: Cooper, Fox Creek, Lyman, and Ambra. Like the 2008 edition, we slipped in a wee bit of Petite Sirah to deepen the color and round out the wine's structure.

The 2009 Amador Barbera has a deep garnet purple color with a carmine edge to the hue. The aromas show plenty of black raspberry and dark cherry fruit. The bouquet features toasty oak with notes of mocha and milk chocolate. On the palate, this wine is rich and creamy, and not what you would expect from a grape known for its thin, acidic nature. Growing Barbera in the foothills gives the grapes an opportunity to develop color and flavor, and soften their acids. The result is a fully-textured wine with loads of red/black fruit flavors. In keeping with our 'house style', the tannins are mature and well integrated. The finish is long and harmonious, with a toasty oak nuance that lingers long after the wine is gone.

Varietal Composition: 93 % Barbera 7% Petite Sirah 14.7%

Alc. 0.778g/100ml TA 3.33 pH

Oak Regime: 43% American Oak 57% French Oak

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Producers of Vineyard Designated Red Table Wines