



## 2008 Estate Cuvée

- **Appellation:** Yountville (Napa Valley), CA
- **Barrel Age:** 20 months (97% French, 3% Hungarian)
- **Blend:** 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 5% Cab Franc, 5% Petit Verdot
- **Alcohol:** 14.5 %
- **Production:** 825 Cases

### The Vineyard & Estate

The Kapsándy Family purchased the historic Beringer “State Lane Vineyard” property in May of 2000. This land was first leased by Beringer in 1972, becoming the cornerstone for the Beringer Estates Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon program for over 25 years. Recognizing the potential of the site, in 1979 Beringer also began bottling short-runs of 100% State Lane Cabernet Sauvignon in the best vintages. The current vineyard was planted in 2001/2002 after a year-long soil and microclimate study. Meticulous, sustainable farming is practiced, pests are controlled by birds of prey that inhabit an environment created by a wild-life expert in the field. Practically no herbicides or pesticides are used.

### The Story and the Team

The redeveloped vineyard is planted into 15 blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot in a tightly spaced 3 ft. by 5-1/2 ft. rows, averaging 2,640 vines/acre. A new state of the art wine making facility was completed in September, 2005. The vineyard is farmed by Pina Vineyard Management Company, and consulting winemaker is **Denis Malbec**, from Chateau Latour, Pauillac; the First Growth in Bordeaux, France. Denis’ debut vintage for Kapsándy was 2005.

### The Wine – Robert Parker, Wine Advocate, December 2010 – 97 Points

The 2008 Estate Cuvée State Lane Vineyard (68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot) is spectacular. In fact, I rated it the same as I did the 2007. A dense ruby/purple hue is followed by a gorgeous bouquet of espresso roast, chocolate, blackberries and black fruits. Full-bodied with extraordinary elegance as well as tremendous texture, intensity and length, this singular wine should drink well for two decades. For those who complain that California wines are too alcoholic, every one of the Kapsandy wines is under 14.6% alcohol.