



2009 Estate Cuvée – Cabernet Sauvignon

- **Appellation:** Yountville (Napa Valley), CA
- **Barrel Age:** 20 months in 93% French oak (85% new and 7% Hungarian (100% new)
- **Blend:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- **Alcohol:** 13.1 %
- **Production:** 250 Cases (9% of the total)

The Vineyard & Estate

The Kapcsándy 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.

Antonio Galloni, *Wine Advocate*, December 2011 – 94 Points

The 2009 Estate Cuvée bursts from the glass with the sweetest and juiciest of black cherries, flowers and mint. Ripe, silky tannins frame the superb, refined finish. This is a fabulous showing. The 2009 is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon (56% Clone 337, 44% Clone 191) that spent 20 months in French oak barrels, 90% new. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024.

The Family

Inspired by the great classic Napa Valley Cabernets of the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, Lou Kapcsandy set out to recapture that glory when he and his family purchased the State Lane Vineyard in Yountville in 2000. State Lane had previously been a source of fruit for Beringer’s State Lane and Private Reserve Cabernet bottlings. The vineyard was destroyed by phylloxera in 1999 and replanted in 2001 by Helen Turley and John Wetlaufer. Kapcsandy is a family affair, with Lou’s son Louis and wife Bobbi both deeply involved in the day to day running of the winery. Denis Malbec is the consulting oenologist.