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2009 Kapcsandy Cabernet Sauvignon - Grand Vin

The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon-Grand Vin opens with a rush of dark red fruit, flowers, spices, new leather and licorice. It is an extremely classy wine graced with exceptional length and tons of polish. The intensity tapers off just a touch on the mid-palate and finish. Readers who prefer a bigger style will probably gravitate towards the 2007 or 2008, but it would be a shame to miss out on the 2009. The blend is 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot and 1% Cabernet Franc, aged 20 months in 100% French oak barrels, 90% new. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024. **95+ points – Antonio Galloni**

2009 Kapcsandy Roberta's Reserve

The 2009 Roberta's Reserve shows quite a bit more intensity, length and focus than the 2008 I tasted alongside it. Dark red fruit, flowers, licorice and new leather are some of the notes that take shape in the glass. The 2009 boasts incredible depth and centeredness from start to finish. There is a crystalline purity and richness in the 2009 that is hugely appealing. The 2009 is 96% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Franc that spent 20 months in French oak, 80% new. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2029. **96 points – Antonio Galloni**

2009 Kapcsandy Estate Cuvee – Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2009 Estate Cuvee 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. **94 points – Antonio Galloni**

2009 Kapcsandy Endre

The 2009 Endre is a major step up in quality from the 2008 I tasted alongside it. The wine reveals lovely fleshiness and depth in its dark fruit, tobacco and spices. I especially like the way the Endre fleshes out on the finish. The 2009 is 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 39% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Syrah. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2017. **91 points – Antonio Galloni**

2009 Kapcsandy Vino del Sol

The 2009 Vino del Sol is fresher and more vibrant than the 2008. It possesses striking aromatics and fabulous overall balance. A burst of dark red berries informs the finish. This is a totally refined sweet Kapcsandy wine. The 2009 is 96% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Petit Verdot, a combination that works beautifully here. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2019. **95 points – Antonio Galloni**

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.