



*This primarily Bordeaux-inspired blend shows the sanguine, focused fruit and shapely tannins that we've come to expect from the sandy soils and slightly cooler mesoclimate of this outstanding vineyard site.*

### THE PARING RED 2009

48% cabernet sauvignon, 12% merlot, 11% cabernet franc, 11% petit verdot, 10% sangiovese, 8% syrah  
50% new French oak, 50% neutral French oak  
Coopers include Taransaud, Sylvain, de Jarnac and Darnajou.  
Unfined and unfiltered  
2,385 cases produced

WINEMAKER'S NOTES: A true melange of aromas. Scorched earth, black licorice, olive tapenade, saucisson sec, clove, blueberries, baked goods and orange peel. More dense and concentrated than previous vintages. On the attack it explodes with juicy black fruit and herbal notes. Considering its overwhelming density, it remains elegant, polished and surprisingly restrained. A bit of tightness hints at the expanding future ahead of this young red. Familiar notes of black olive and unsweetened cacao take over on the finish. Thanks to incredibly fine and almost graceful tannins, this brooding blend finishes with great length and persistence.

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