

# Signature Collection 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon

## Winery Information

Pietra Santa is a family-run estate in the beautiful Cienega Valley just 25 miles from California's Monterey Bay. The proximity to the coast provides cooling, maritime breezes and a long growing season resulting in vibrant and flavorful wines. The estate also benefits from granite and limestone soils and is named Pietra Santa or "Sacred Stone" in honor of the unique terroir. The estate's winemaking history dates back to the 1850s when Frenchman Theophile Vache first planted vines in the Valley. In his honor we dedicate the Signature Collection. Today, the winery is

owned by Cort and Laura Blackburn. It is his goal to create the best possible wines and continue the tradition of quality winemaking in this special place.

## Vineyards/Winemaking

The Pietra Santa estate is bisected by one of California's most significant fault lines, the San Andreas. Over the years, the Earth's movements have filled the soils with granite and limestone and a rock quarry can be found on one edge of the valley. This creates low yields and adds interesting characters and flavors to our wines. The *Signature Collection* represents the best of our estate and is created from hand chosen blocks of fruit, made with the finest care and attention and aged in specially selected barrels.

## Tasting Notes

Our *Signature Collection* Cabernet Sauvignon has a bouquet of subtle plums and pomegranates and tastes of ripe black cherries and blueberries with hints of chocolate. This exceptionally balanced wine has structured tannins making it ideal for aging in your cellar for 5+ years.

#### **Technical Information**

Appellation: Cienega Valley
Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Barrel Aging: 32 months in French Oak

Alcohol: 14.5% Total Acidity: 7.2%

*pH*: 3.40

Cases Produced: 310

SRP: \$50

