



## HILL FAMILY E S T A T E



# 2007 Barrel Blend

Production: 3,450 cases

Composition: 75% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Syrah, 3% Petit Verdot and 2% Malbec

Vineyards: Various vineyards in the Atlas Peak, Pope Valley, Rutherford, Wooden Valley and Oak Knoll districts

Appellation: Napa Valley

Elevation: A range of vineyard sites between 36 ft. and 2000 ft. elevation

Cooperage: 14 months in 20% new French oak, remainder in neutral oak

Alcohol: 14.5%, TA 0.62, pH 3.65

Release Date: March 2010

Release Price: \$25.00

The 2007 Hill Family Estate Barrel Blend combines the firm structure of mountain Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah from Atlas Peak with the plush Merlots and Cabernet Sauvignons from select vineyard sites on the floor of the Napa Valley. This wine has been created with the help of Kyle Knox, who has focused his passion for excellence as a professional surfer and now has become equally passionate in his pursuit of excellence in creating quality wines. The mountain grapes contribute intensity and finesse and the valley floor grapes add a soft finish to the blend. Merlot was the star from our 2007 vintage, gaining a ripeness and intensity that created some delicious wines from the vintage. This exciting combination of fruit flavors is enhanced by a lengthy palate and smooth finish.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes: (tasted 3/7/10, bottled 3/5/10)

"As with the 2006, the nose has a great Wow factor – unmistakably Napa in its elegance, but with an earthy boysenberry jam, white sage, and vanilla spice appeal that really makes you want to take a sip. The black cherry fruit packed front palate transcends to powerful plum, blackberry and ripe apple flavors. A little early to expect a seamless palate, but the length is there, as is the sense of vigor and excitement."