



HILL FAMILY
E S T A T E



2007 Origin
Napa Valley

Production: 396 cases plus 10cs 1.5s

Composition: 43.4% Merlot, 56.6% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyards: 60% Beauterre, Oak Knoll Appellation, Valley Floor

16.8% Baker and Bianchini, Atlas Peak Appellation, 1500ft elevation

17% Hansen, Napa Valley

5.6% Lazar Ranch, Wooden Canyon

Cooperage: 16 months all in French oak barrels, (45% new barrels)

Alcohol: 15.08% alc, 3.65 pH, 0.58 TA

Winemaker's notes:

Origin is our chance to create the best blend possible from the 2007 vintage. It allows us to use many of the small select lots we make from special sites farmed by Doug Hill and his family all over the Napa Appellation. Blending this wine is always a challenge, as expectations are high, and the lots themselves can have strong voices that do not always want to balance the way one would expect. Doug Hill has planted an interesting clone of Merlot at Beauterre called Rauseto, that has a strong personality, and adds structure and muscle to the blend. The final blend shimmers and forms complex layers that will grow and improve for years to come.

Winemaker Alison Doran's Tasting notes:

The 07 Origin still tastes young and vigorous, with a ripe, deep cherry and berry jam nose, and a floaty sandalwood note over the top. The palate has graceful and balanced raspberry and boysenberry fruit, with the oak well integrated into the structure.

