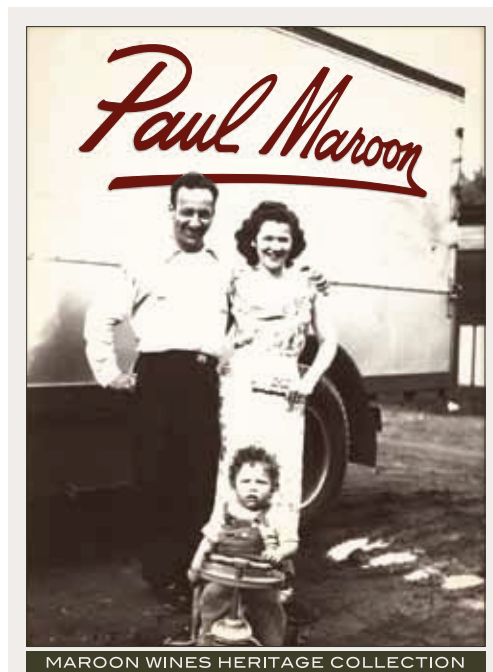


2008 CABERNET SAUVIGNON “Heritage Collection”

RELEASE DATE	February 2010
APPELLATION	100% Napa Valley
BLEND	88% Cabernet Sauvignon 9% Petite Verdot 2% Petite Sirah 1% Zinfandel
AGING	20 months in 25% New Hungarian Oak
ANALYSIS	14.2% Alcohol 0.72 g/100mL TA 3.75 pH



The Wine

This was an enjoyable wine to put together, as it incorporates some varietals that we have not historically blended together for Maroon wines. The Cabernet Sauvignon base of the blend was medium bodied and exhibited dark and ripe berry fruit, both aromatically and on the palate. This Cabernet really lent itself to the blending in of the more muscular and firm Petit Verdot, which provides structure and a nice tannin framework to the blend. The small amounts of Petite Sirah and Zinfandel add a nice touch of spice to the aromas and the finish.

The Bottom Line

This wine has very nice aromas of ripe, dark berries and hints of chocolate and coffee on the nose. On the palate, the wine is medium bodied and expresses a nice balance from the attack through to the finish. We find layers of dark berries and chocolate and a very light acidity that adds a juicy vibrance to the finish. This wine will be a versatile complement to a variety of dishes. Drink Now through 2015.