



LOAM SINGLE-SOIL SERIES

2008 Suther Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: Approximately 75 cases
Appellation: Sonoma County
Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Soils: Suther
Alcohol: 14.5 % by volume
Aging: 28 months oak barrels, 100% French

Winemaker Notes

Weathered from metamorphic rock, Suther is a gravelly Loam found on the side slopes of mountains underlain by sandstone and shale. Primarily located between 500-3000 feet in elevation, Suther soils are only found in the geographic locations associated with great Cabernet Sauvignon. The granular structure and shallow nature of Suther soils provide little water retention and minimal biologic activity, while increased sun and wind exposures ensure low vigor, small berry formation, and uniformity in ripeness. Suther soils tend to nutrient deficient, lacking in nitrogen, phosphorus, and boron. The reddish nature is indicative of oxidized soils that are high in iron content. With a pH ranging from 5.5 to 6.0, Suther soils are moderately acidic.

In 2008, our Suther Cabernet further exacerbated the point that not all soil is created equal. In a vintage characterized by cooler than normal weather, the 2008 Suther shows a ripeness rarely found in the vintage. The bright cherry fruit on the nose is accented by hints of mineral and sweet oak. Combining power and finesse, the tannins are silky and rich. Perfectly balanced, this Cabernet will be most enjoyable from 2012-2018.