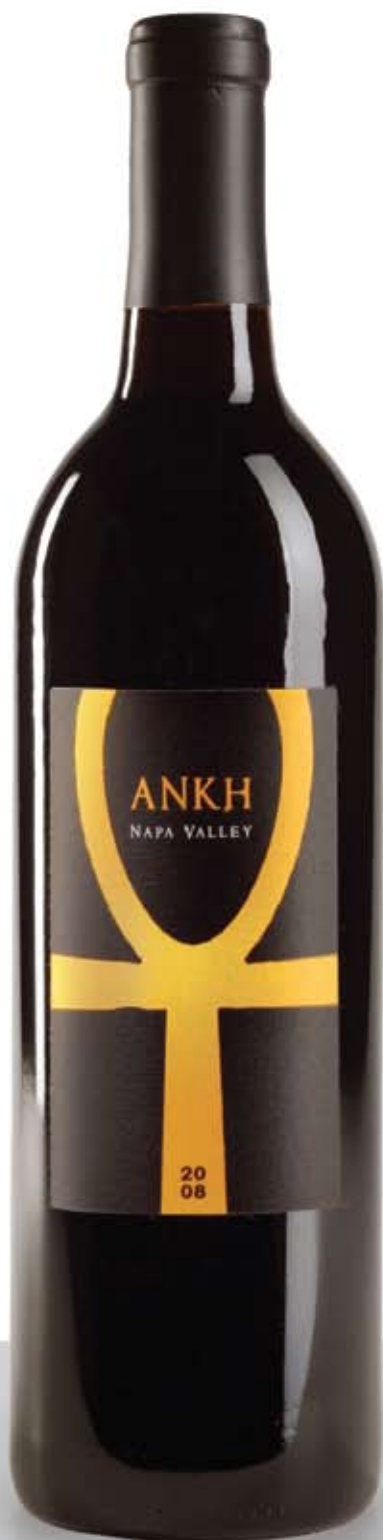


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## 2008 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



VINTAGE 2008

APPELLATION Napa Valley

COMPOSITION 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot,  
5% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL 14.6%

**VINTAGE DESCRIPTION** The 2008 growing season began colder than usual and with lower than normal rainfall for the second year in a row. However, May brought unusually high temperatures in the midst of bloom during the latter part of the month. Such drastic weather changes can lead to imbalances, but in this case the weather evened out. The months of June, July and August had consistently warm temperatures that led to even and healthy vine development. Overall the 2008 vintage yielded balance with high-quality tannins resulting in age-worthy cabernets. Wine Spectator rated this Classic vintage 96 points for its depth and concentration.

**TASTING NOTES** Gorgeous red to purple color with open aromas of ripe berry and cassis. Currant, nut and pepper highlight this well-balanced, medium-bodied cabernet. The firm tannins are well integrated, and help indicate the age-worthiness of this wine. Flavors persist with a very long, well tiered finish. French oak was used in the wine but shows restraint. Emphasis is on balance. While drinking well now, this wine will benefit from cellaring for a decade or more.

**HARVEST DATE** September 11, 2008 - October 23, 2008

**AGING INFORMATION** Bottled on December 8, 2010, this wine aged for 24 months in French oak and another 10 months in the bottle before its release.

**RELEASE DATE** October 1, 2011

Ankh. The ancient Egyptian symbol that represents "life" was often depicted being handed to the pharaohs by the gods. In return, wine was produced in Egypt over 5,000 years ago and given back to the gods as a special offering.

