



2008 *Champoux Vineyard*

86% CABERNET SAUVIGNON & 14% CABERNET FRANC

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

Caleb Foster and Nina Buty Foster are pleased to announce our blend of Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. First planted on the slope of Phinny Hill in 1971, Champoux is amongst the most famous vineyards for cabernet on the West Coast. Caleb's winemaking experience since 1991 with Champoux cabernet guides our style of silky texture with a concentrated core.

Champoux's cabernet growing season is long in the Horse Heaven Hills from flowering in the first week of June until harvest in October. The violet aromatic signature of Champoux cabernet comes from the soils, cooling winds and old clonal selection of cabernet in the vineyard. We blend cabernet franc each year for balance of the vintage's textures and power.

To begin our winemaking at Buty, all our fruits are hand harvested. Aromatics are preserved by our cluster and whole grape sorting on shaker tables. Our fruit is always gravity transferred. Harvested in sunny, dry weather on October 24th, the cabernet had ripe skins and seeds, and lovely low sugars. The cabernet franc was harvested October 20th. A natural alcohol of 14.2% was achieved with natural organic acids and pH. Our wines are whole foods, and we do not adjust them in any way with acid or water since changing them would ruin their supple textures, aging life and perfume. Fermented with attention to tannins and aromatics, it was on skins for over two weeks and only free run was used. Aging was on lees for a year in new Taransaud Chateau barrels. Bottled in June 2009, we further aged this wine nine months before release. This bottle aging before sale offers you our wine rested with its full perfume.

Buty's unique interpretation of Champoux Vineyard cabernet offers a texture of velvet. Intense extracted fruit blends with the aromatics of violets, earth and roasted beet root. These echo on the smooth palate of this big vintage wine. Youthful in character now, we are confident this wine will have a long life in your cellar. Decanting is recommended at any age of the wine.

One hundred fifty cases, plus large formats were bottled. Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc is released annually on March 1st.