

DE NOVO WINE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ALEXANDER VALLEY AVA

WINEMAKER

Hervé Bruckert

WINE REGION

Sonoma, CA



STORY

For Hervé Bruckert, creating a wine business aligned with his strong desire to ground himself geographically and spiritually in Northern California. His past has roots and winemaking experience in the Alsatian region of France. Like the new moon, De Novo means beginning anew. De Novo Wines is named in honor and celebration of life's many new beginnings, transitions, and continued growth. De Novo wines are crafted from the finest grapes from small, family-owned vineyards located across Sonoma County, including Dry Creek Valley, Alexander Valley, and Mayacamas Ridge.

VINEYARD

"aCURE eSTATE" Vineyard is located in the hills at the western end of Alexander Valley, an area that enjoys long, sunny days and cool nights, ideal for properly ripening Cabernet Sauvignon. The soil is composed of a sandy, gravelly loam and the vines tend to be very small. The vineyard and winery are powered by large solar photovoltaic panels, making the vineyard operations approximately 50% carbon-neutral. De Novo's two-acre block is one of the vineyard's earliest-ripening blocks, and provides fully mature, densely concentrated fruit.

VINIFICATION

The fruit was hand-picked at 24 Brix on October 6, 2008, and was 100% de-stemmed and crushed lightly. Using Pasteur Red yeast, fermentation went to complete dryness in 17 days. Malolactic fermentation went to completion. After fermentation, the wine aged 20 months in a mix of new medium-toast French oak and neutral French oak barrels. A small amount of Cabernet Franc was blended in after aging.

TASTING NOTES

Structured with moderate tannins and a firm acid backbone, this Cabernet displays typical Alexander Valley character with notes of cocoa powder under cherry fruit, with earthy complexity through the lingering finish. Drinkable now, it will keep a decade or more.

FOOD PAIRING

Great with grilled steacks, beef stew, pizzas, veggies, burgers and cheeses.

QUICK FACTS

VARIETY

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

PRODUCTION

700 cases

AGING

Oak Barrel

FARMING

Sustainable agriculture

