

GOLD MEDAL WINE CLUB'S
Gold Series Selection



Gold Plus!

Casey Flat Ranch 2009 Estate Red Wine Capay Valley

This month's *Gold Series Plus!* feature comes from Casey Flat Ranch, an exciting new winery project in the Capay Valley of Yolo County, California. Yolo County lies directly west and north of the capitol of Sacramento, and is just blossoming as a part of the California wine production acreage. It shares a common border with two top wine producing counties (Napa and Lake) and is home to the University of California Davis, America's top producer of winemakers and winery executives.

Casey Flat Ranch is a 6,000-acre site that encompasses some of the most rugged terrain in all of California and is perched on the eastern side of the Vaca Mountain Range, about 20-25 miles due east of the City of St. Helena (the heart of Napa Valley's wine region). The ranch is also deeply steeped in California's early history, originally part of the Berryessa Spanish land grant of the 1850's. It was named for the legendary frontiersman and early homesteader John Casey, who chose the land to begin his farming and cattle operation.

Robert and Laura Morey purchased the Casey Flat Ranch in 2003 and set about starting a small Texas Longhorn cattle operation. A small piece of land at the 2,000-foot altitude mark piqued their interest and they decided to also add a small grape growing operation. The Moreys found the soil composition and weather to be remarkably similar to the Oakville and Rutherford appellations on the other side of the Vaca Range, which are both mainstays of the Napa Valley growing region. In 2004, the Casey Flat Ranch estate vineyard became a reality, and just three years later, the family released their first commercial wine.

The team at Casey Flat Ranch is a tight knit group held together by the Morey daughter, Alison Morey Garrett, who now oversees the operations and management of the property. She works very closely with their viticulturist, Tom Prentice, and winemaker, Laura Barrett, to develop the best wines possible from their rugged, previously undiscovered wine-growing site. It has been an exciting and rewarding experience to introduce the wine industry to the award-winning wines of Casey Flat Ranch and the up-and-coming Capay Valley, which is currently California's smallest appellation with less than 100 acres under vine. As the winery continues to gain popularity and recognition, we expect this undiscovered region won't remain a secret for very long.

Just 744
Cases Produced!

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CASEY FLAT RANCH
2009 ESTATE RED WINE
CAPAY VALLEY

Accolades & Tasting Notes

90 POINTS

- *Wine Spectator*

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- *Wine Enthusiast*

The Casey Flat Ranch 2009 Estate Red Wine is an exceptional, rich red blend of 50% Syrah, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 20% Cabernet Franc. All of the fruit is grown and produced on the Casey Flat Ranch Estate Vineyard in the Capay Valley of Yolo County, California. Aromas of ripe plum, blackberry, spice and subtle herb notes mingle together and complement the concentrated berry flavors on the palate. The wine finishes with firm tannins and just a hint of cinnamon. Enjoy now until 2019.

Retail Price at the Winery: \$35.00 /bottle

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