

GOLD MEDAL WINE CLUB'S
Diamond Series Selection



Diamond Plus!

Rocca Family Vineyards

2009 Grigsby Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

The idea for Rocca Family Vineyards began many years ago, in the minds of proprietors Mary Rocca and Eric Grigsby. Eric grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee with a farmer-father who instilled in him a close connection to the earth and its bounty. Mary, on the other hand, was born in the rolling hills of northern California and enjoyed helping in her mother's vegetable garden and working harvests at the nearby orchards. When the two met in graduate school, both were pursuing careers as doctors. Mary became a dentist and Eric a MD, with a specialty in anesthesiology, and when the pair married in 1985, they decided to set up their respective practices in San Francisco. While they were both focused on establishing their careers, Eric and Mary dreamed of one day re-establishing their connection with the land that they loved so dearly.

Fifteen years later, that dream started to come true. It was 1999, and Eric and Mary found a wonderful piece of property for sale at the junction of the Yountville crossroad and the Silverado Trail in Napa Valley. The plot was already planted in wine grapes and was under a long term contract to Stags Leap Winery. Eric and Mary jumped at the chance, and like many successful winery owners, weren't intent on first becoming a winery. They instead were attracted to the idea of doing something with the land and it was only in the very back of their minds that they might one day be winemakers. The vineyard was named Grigsby after Eric's family name.

It wasn't long before Eric and Mary realized the grapes produced on their property were exceptionally high quality and the idea of a having a top-flight winery became incredibly appealing. Rocca Family Winery and Vineyard soon became a reality and rising star winemaker Cecilia Welch Masyczek came on board to help with the first vintages. The first release in 2002 was met with unexpectedly wild success and Rocca Family Vineyards quickly became one of the top Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon producers in Napa Valley.

In 2008, Paul Colantuoni took over the winemaking duties and he has continued to produce world-class wines under the Rocca label. Eric Grigsby still practices and teaches as a medical doctor, but Mary Rocca now spends her time running the winery and directing the sales and marketing. Years of accolades and many prestigious awards have established Rocca as one of the industry's finest wine producers, a reputation the team is very happy to uphold.

Accolades & Tasting Notes

94 POINTS

- Wine Reviews Online

93 POINTS

- Wine Enthusiast

91 POINTS

- Cabernet Shootout

Rocca's 2009 Estate Grigsby Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is a classically beautiful Napa Valley Cabernet. On the nose, aromas of black cherries, blackberries and ripe raspberries mingle with hints of cocoa powder, spring flowers and minerality. On the palate, waves of rich, pure fruit dominate and are balanced by charmingly soft, velvety tannins that are Rocca's hallmark. Notes of black cherry and spicy oak linger on the palate-coating finish. Aged 20 months in oak. Enjoy now until 2019.

Retail Price at the Winery: \$80.00 /bottle

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