

## 2009 West Crest Cuvée



- 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 5% Malbec, 5 % Cabernet Franc, Dry Creek Valley AVA
- Harvested October 2009, bottled July 2011
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels
- Alc 14.1%

**West Crest Cuvée Reserve** is a blend in the Bordeaux tradition pairing our **Cabernet Sauvignon** with **Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc** grapes from our neighboring growers. A supple wine, rich in flavors of cherries and raspberry as well as an earthy, spicy note and well-rounded tannins. The wine was aged nearly two years in French oak barrels before being bottled.

Our Cabernet Sauvignon is grown on our hillside property in the north end of the valley on west and south facing slopes high above the valley floor. Above the morning fog the grapes get long warm and sunny days to mature with full and complex flavors. The companion grapes for this Bordeaux blend are all growing close by in Dry Creek Valley and share the same micro climate.

West Wines is a family owned winery in Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County. Our winemaking style is inspired by French winemaking and we have been exporting wine to Europe since 2004. The grapes are hand harvested and meticulously sorted before crushing. We believe in sustainable practices such as minimizing the use of energy and water, utilizing solar power as well as natural agricultural methods.

**Phyllis Zouzounis** is **winemaker** at West Wines together with owner Katarina Bonde. Phyllis began her winemaking career at Dry Creek Vineyards in 1980 and has been the winemaker at many prestigious wineries in Sonoma County.