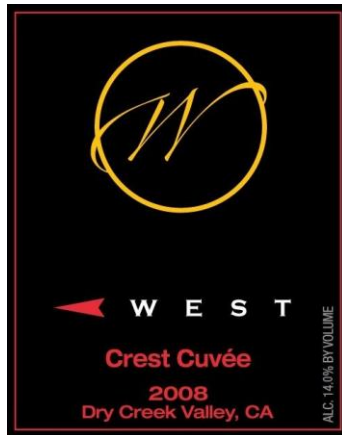


## 2008 West Crest Cuvée



- 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 5% Malbec, 5 % Cabernet Franc, all Dry Creek Valley AVA
- Harvested 2008, bottled July 2010
- 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 well-rounded wine rich in flavors of cherries and raspberry as well as an earthy, spicy note and well-rounded tannins. The wine ages 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 day to mature with full and complex flavors. The companion grapes for this blend are all growing close by and share the same climate.

The 2008 season started early. There was unwanted frost in early May but we were lucky to escape all frost damage in our vineyards. However, a warm summer and hot August helped harvest our white grapes very rapidly in early September and the red grapes in early October.

West Wines is a family owned vineyards and winery operation in Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County. Our winemaking style is inspired by French winemaking and we have been exporting wine to Europe since 2004. We believe in responsible agricultural practices such as minimizing the use of energy and water and using solar power. We use cover crops between our vine rows to create nutrition for the plants but also flowers who serve as a habitat for beneficial insects for pest control.

**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.