

**2008 Thurston Wolfe The Teacher Cabernet Sauvigno**

The 2008 The Teacher Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from the Destiny Ridge and McKinley Springs Vineyards, both in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA. It was aged for 22 months in a mix of new and used French, American, and Hungarian oak. It sports an inviting nose of pain grille, pencil lead, earthy minerals, Asian spices, violets, and assorted black fruits. This sets the stage for a savory, spicy, full-bodied, incipiently complex Cabernet that has the structure and balance to evolve for 2-3 years. It will provide prime drinking from 2013 to 2023.

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**2008 Thurston Wolfe Petite Sirah Reserve Zephyr Ridge Vineyard**

My personal favorite of the portfolio is the 2008 Reserve Petite Sirah Zephyr Ridge Vineyard. The 48 case production, by the way, makes Thurston Wolfe the largest producer of this varietal in Washington. It was aged for 26 months in 100% new American oak. Aromas of smoke, cedar, black pepper, leather, black cherry, and blackberry inform the nose of a smooth textured, dense, layered, full-flavored offering that conceals enough structure to evolve for at least another 5-6 years. This impeccably balanced, lengthy Petite Sirah will provide optimum drinking from 2016 to 2028 if not longer.

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**2007 Thurston Wolfe The Geologist**

The 2007 The Geologist is a multi-regional blend of 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Cabernet Franc, 15% Merlot, and 12% Syrah aged for 23 months in French, American, and Hungarian oak and 12 months in bottle prior to release. It exhibits an already complex aromatic array of pain grille, graphite, Asian spices, violets, dried herbs, blackberry, and blueberry. Savory on the palate with layers of fruit and the tannin to match, this burly effort will benefit from an additional 4-5 years of cellaring and has a drinking window extending from 2015 to 2027.

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**2009 Thurston Wolfe Howling Wolfe Zinfandel Zephyr Ride Vineyard**

The largest in production of the new releases, the 2009 Howling Wolfe Zinfandel was aged in American and European oak for 14 months. It offers up a fragrant, expressive bouquet of black raspberry and black cherry with a hint of brier and underbrush. Elegant on the palate (despite its 15.5% alcohol) with splendid varietal character, it is a Zinfandel that would please even the Martinelli's and Turley's. It is an outstanding value.

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