LASSETER
FAMILY WINERY

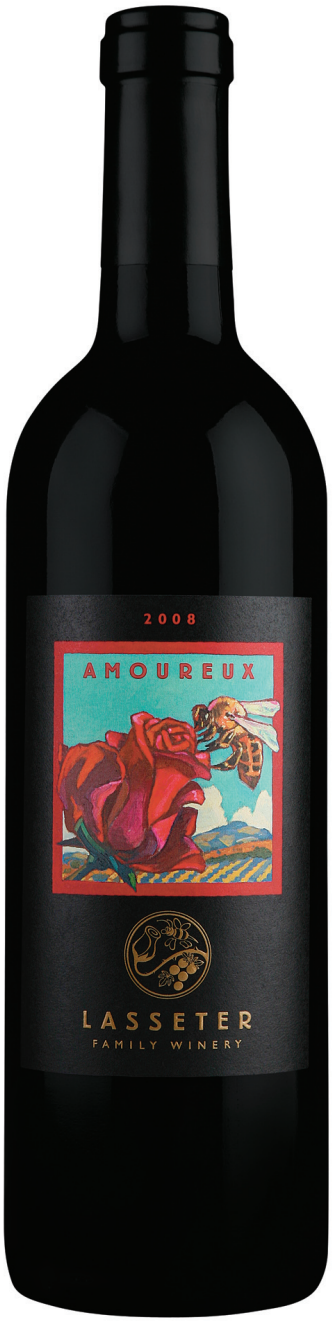
2008

AMOUREUX

66% Malbec	26% Cabernet Sauvignon	5% Merlot	3% Cabernet Franc
Clone 595	*Clone 15 & 337*	*Clone 181*	*Clone 214*

BOTTLED JULY 2010 • 192 CASES PRODUCED

Alc: 14.8%	pH: 3.88	TA: 5.6 g/L



SONOMA VALLEY ESTATE GROWN

We chose the name, Amoureux, a French word meaning 'lovers', because this Malbec blend is reminiscent of when we first fell in love. We discovered Malbec while honeymooning in Sonoma; to this day, it holds a sentimental place in our hearts and delights our palates. Our love affair with Malbec inspired us to plant it on our estate Justi Creek Vineyard and create a unique blend reflective of our relationship. The beguiling fruit of Malbec is enhanced by the graceful tannins of Cabernet Sauvignon, the supple fruit of Merlot, and the piquant bouquet from Cabernet Franc. The wine offers a mélange of flavors and textures. Ripe blueberry, clove and nutmeg are intertwined with notes of vanilla from aging 18 months in French oak. In the mouth, the impression of ripe fruit continues; the wine is rich and full with a long, velvety finish. It is altogether fun to drink, and we think is just like us!

JUSTI CREEK VINEYARDS

This estate property in Sonoma Valley is rich in historical significance, encompassing organically farmed vineyards and an eco-friendly winery. Justi Creek Vineyards, part of the stunning 95-acre ranch in Sonoma Valley on the outskirts of Glen Ellen, is a collection of three adjacent parcels of land, which were acquired by the Lasseter family in 2000, 2002 and 2009. The Lasseters embarked on an environmentally sensitive upgrading for their property, lovingly restoring the natural habitat and converting the vineyards exclusively to organic farming practices. The pond was completely revitalized; bee hives and an insectory were installed in order to provide a home for beneficial insects. Today, the land is alive again and the certified organic vineyards are flourishing, nurtured back to an optimal expression of this historical winegrowing area. The red Bordeaux varietals of Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc are grown on the seventeen-acre Upper Justi Block on benchland above the valley floor, west of Calabasas Creek. These vines produce outstanding fruit with classic varietal characteristics perfectly suited to the Amoureux style: bold flavors, wonderful structure and a velvety mouthfeel.

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